

Boss in call over blackspot where four are injured

# SAFETY PLEA AFTER HORRIFIC SMASH

Report by Katy-Rose Meaney

**A COACH firm owner has demanded improved safety at an accident blackspot after the latest crash which left a Walsall woman in hospital with critical injuries.**

David Parry, who owns Parrys International Tours, said something needs to be done at the junction of Upper Landywood Lane and Landywood Lane in Cheslyn Hay.

A two-car smash at the junction last Tuesday left four passengers, all from Walsall, in hospital as fire crews had to cut one car open to reach the casualties.

Mr Parry owns a home on the corner of Landywood Lane and said it is just one of many crashes on the busy bend, which is yards from his garage.

He said: "The crash last week is another bad accident on this corner and more injuries.

"It is without doubt an accident blackspot and a new lay out or island needs to be built to reduce the risk of further accidents. It was a nasty accident with three ambulances, fire engines and a number of police cars.

"There have been a number of accidents here and the wall of the house has been badly damaged twice."

## Dangerous

"A simple answer for this dangerous corner is an island. This would slow traffic down, and make it a safer junction from all directions.

"This is a very busy road with main access to the area and to the railway station. It is also busy with pedestrians who have awful walking conditions."

The crash involved a red Ford Fiesta and a grey Volkswagen Golf and left three passengers seriously injured. The 49-year-old Walsall woman was critical after the crash. A 31-year-old man, also from Walsall, has been bailed on suspicion of drink driving.

The 73-year-old male driver of the other car, is stable after suffering chest and pelvic injuries and a 68-year-old woman has since been released from Royal Stoke University Hospital.

County councillor Mark Deaville, cabinet support member for highways and transport said: "There has been one recorded incident at this location in the last five years, so it is not currently a location that is under investigation. However, we will look at the data relating to the most recent incident to see if any action needs to be taken."

Police are appealing for witnesses to call 101, incident number 779 of June 30.

## BOLLYWOOD GLITZ SPARKLES IN ROSIE'S MEMORY



Rosie's Walk at Aldridge Airport – Olivia Skellern, aged 14, her mother Julie and Kim Crawford, get in Bollywood dress for the event

OVER 400 people took part in a charity walk in the name of a young girl stabbed to death in Birmingham 14 years ago.

Rosie's Walk, an annual fundraising event, was held at the Aldridge Old Airport in Bosty Lane in aid of the Rosie's Helping Hands. The charity is dedicated to the life of Rosie Ross, who was killed in 2001 aged 16 while on a shopping trip with a friend. Rosie's Walk is the largest fundraising event organised

by the charity and was set up by Rosie's parents Karen and Sean Ross in 2002. The event, now in its 14th year, raises money for a number of good causes in Walsall and other areas of the West Midlands and sees many people go on either a one or three mile walk.

And this year's event, held on Sunday, featured a showbiz and glamour atmosphere with a Hollywood v Bollywood theme.

Participants dressed for the occasion, raising a total of £8,500. But parts of the event were far from glamorous as heavy winds and a brief hail storm left many of the stalls wrecked.

However, the sun shone for most of the event, which saw students from Walsall Studio School showcasing their music, dance and acting skills on the main stage.

For more information about the charity visit [rosieshelpinghands.org](http://rosieshelpinghands.org)

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Rosie, killed in 2001

## VANDALISM

**Boss hits out at jobs after plaque smashed**

A LEISURE boss has described the destruction of plaque of the Willenhall flag as 'senseless'. The granite sign at the front of Willenhall Library, in Walsall Street, was discovered smashed in pieces by a passer-by last Monday.

It was installed to mark the raising of the town's very own civic flag.

Councillor Anthony Harris is also appealing for anyone with information about the attack to contact the police. "It beggars belief that somebody would just destroy such a lovely plaque."

## POLICE

**Drone factory is hit by protesters**

NINETEEN protesters were arrested at an anti-war rally outside a drone factory in Shenstone. More than 100 people descended on the village on Monday to demonstrate against UAV Engines, in Lynn Lane.

They claimed the firm was supplying drones to Israel used in attacks against Palestinian people. Seven women and one man were detained by police for breaching a high court injunction which prevented people gathering within 250metres of the site.

## POLITICS

**Councillor seeking answers on ground**

A WALSALL councillor wants answers about the future of the former home of a Black Country football club. Darlaston South councillor Paul Bott has asked members of the cabinet what the plans are moving forward for the old ground of Darlaston Town FC on Waverley Road.

The club now play their home games at the Bentley Leisure Pavilion, Bentley Road North, Walsall but Mr Bott is keen to know the future of their former home – which would cost £30,000 to get into a reasonable condition again. Mr Bott said: "Everyone's talking about the move to Bentley Pavilion but what about the old ground?"

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# Memorial bricks to honour victims



Dean Smith lays flowers

MEMORIALS are to be placed at the Banks's Stadium in tribute to the Black Country's Tunisia terror victims, after Walsall FC manager Dean Smith joined hundreds of supporters at the ground, during the one minute's silence last Friday.

Memorial bricks for Walsall fans Joel Richards, aged 19, Adrian Evans, 49 and Patrick Evans, 78, will be put near the iconic 125 sign which is illuminated at night. Walsall FC took to social media to reveal they will put in place this week as they praised the 'football family' for their tributes.

Mr Smith placed a large bouquet of lil-

ies and roses outside the ground shortly before he joined his team of players to pay their tributes.

Following the silence to remember those killed in Tunisia, Dan Mole, spokesman for the club said: "To lose three of our family has hit the club hard and we wanted to find a proper and right way to show our respect."

"We have become a focal point for grieving fans from all clubs."

"We pride ourselves on the role we play in the community and the family ethos of the club."

The hundreds of tributes, flowers, scarfs, shirts and messages left outside

Banks's Stadium were delivered to the family.

Walsall FC Club Chaplain, Peter Hart, led a short prayer following the one minute silence at Banks's Stadium.

The former Walsall player said: "We remember with love and thanks all those who were taken so suddenly and with such violence."

"We remember their love, generosity and all that made them special."

"Help us to know when to speak and when to be silent and through your spirit give us light and enable us to walk with courage into what can seem a dark and dangerous and uncertain future."

# Web page in memory of Joel nears £10k mark

A FUNDRAISING page set up in memory of Tunisia terror attack victim Joel Richards is close to reaching its £10,000 target following a surge of support.

More than 450 donations have been sent to the page, set up on gofundme.com, in memory of the 19-year-old referee.

He was killed at the beach resort of Sousse along with his uncle Alan Evans and grandfather Patrick Evans. University of Worcester student Joel was a referee at the Birmingham County Football Association and was a huge Walsall fan throughout his young life.

Donations on the website, which go towards Joel's family, reached the £8,860 barrier after the fund received a boost of £1,000 from the Football League. The money will go to Joel's family.

The donation by the football body was accompanied by the post: "On behalf of The Football League, it's 72 clubs and their supporters. Our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of Joel, Adrian and Patrick."

Chairman Greg Clarke added: "The loss of Joel, Adrian and Patrick and the 35 other Britons that died in Tunisia was a terrible tragedy."

"All three were loyal Walsall supporters and they joined us to cheer on the Saddlers in the club's first ever appearance at Wembley Stadium just three months ago."

"We hope this small contribution will help their family with any financial costs they may now face at this very sad time."

Even more money will be raised for Joel's family later this month when hundreds of wristbands dedicated to his life will be sold at his beloved Walsall's friendly clash against Midland rivals Aston Villa.

The wristbands will feature a message which states 'together we can achieve more'.

Steve Davies, secretary of Walsall Football Supporters Trust, will be selling them outside the Banks's Stadium before the match kicks off at 3pm on Saturday, July 25.

Mr Davies, 56, who lives in Burton-upon-Trent, said: "Joel ran the line for the Supporters' Trust in one of our legends matches we held a couple of years ago and we hope the sale of these wristbands will help the family who are going through a very difficult time."

"We've got 1,000 wristbands to sell with a minimum of a £1 donation for each so hopefully it will be a nice amount to help the family."

● To donate to the fundraising page visit [www.gofundme.com/Joelrichards](http://www.gofundme.com/Joelrichards)

## Callous thieves take park plants



Linda Patrick, with her dog Rosie in Willenhall Memorial Park where flowers she had donated were stolen

CALLOUS thieves have stolen plants that were donated to Willenhall Memorial Park to remember a visitor's relatives and friends who died.

Park regular Linda Patrick said she was stunned to discover that the eight of the sentimental tributes that had been placed in a raised flower bed near the Pinson Road entrance had vanished.

She had arranged with the council's park staff for some plants including the missing

Pieris, Ornamental Carex Grass and Cordylone to be put there in May. But in less than a month they disappeared, leaving behind just two geraniums and an hydrangea.

Mrs Patrick, of Thompson Close, The Manor, said: "I was absolutely gutted when I found out what had happened. I felt sickened that somebody could stoop so low. My heart sank and it really upset me. The park is for everybody to come and enjoy."

"I asked the park keeper if I could pay the cost of putting some flowers in the beds in memory of my family and a friend who passed away so they had very special meaning to me."

Walsall Council spokesman Peter Cole confirmed that there had been a theft of plants from the town's biggest park. The incident was not being reported to West Midlands Police.

He added that the stolen flowers will be replaced.

# Sandwell Council to cover costs of funerals

THE funerals of three generations of a Black Country family who were killed in the Tunisia terror attack will be paid for by Sandwell Council.

Council leader Darren Cooper revealed that the authority would cover burial fees and other funeral costs for the victims. Adrian Evans, from Bilston, worked for Sandwell Council.

Councillor Cooper said it was 'the least we could do'. The gesture is expected to save the family around £5,000.

He said: "We have spoken to the funeral directors and it has been agreed between the council and the co-operative to waive the fees for the burial and the funeral for the family."

The funerals are expected to take place in the next few weeks. They were among 30 British holidaymakers shot dead by gunman Seifeddine Rezgui in Sousse.

More than 2,000 people observed a minute's silence for 19-year-old Joel, Patrick, 78, both from Wednesbury, and Adrian, 49, at the council house in Oldbury on Friday.

Councillor Cooper delivered a rousing speech following the minute's silence in which he condemned the actions of gunman Seifeddine Rezgui and vowed British way of life would not be impacted by acts of terrorism.

He said: "We stand shoulder to shoulder in the face of adversity. And we will never, ever, allow terrorists and twisted ideologists to divide us and our communities. We will stay together - and we will win together."

Councillor Cooper added: "We all want to demonstrate that Adrian Evans was one of our own. "Words struggle to capture the revulsion we all feel at his untimely death so far away from home - and those of his father and nephew."

The tributes came as the British victims continued to be repatriated.

# Saddling up for big bike ride

A BIKE ride aimed at getting families in the saddle will set off from Walsall on Saturday.

CTC Walsall has organised the bike ride, which will last between 10 and 14 miles, and will set off from Oak Park Leisure Centre car park at 9.30am.

On Sunday, cyclists are invited on a 50-mile bike ride setting off from the parish church in Bloxwich at 9am.

Call Ken Scott-Clegg on 07976 663024 for more information.

# Van catches fire in high temperatures

A VAN engine caught fire as the sizzling high temperatures hit the Black Country.

Firefighters were called to Westbourne Street, The Butts, Walsall, after a Transit caught fire early last Wednesday evening.

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# Damage to home after it is hit by lightning

SPECTACULAR lightning illuminated the Black Country as heavy storms rolled in amid a prolonged heatwave – with at least one house damaged by a lightning strike.

In Walsall, a house was damaged after a suspected lightning strike struck the roof of a detached property in Park Hall, sparking a blaze.

Neighbours reported hearing a loud noise in Martin Road about 1am on Saturday to firefighters, but the fire was only discovered at daylight when passers-by saw windows blackened by the smoke.

About 15 per cent of a bathroom was damaged, with 80 per cent smoke-logging on the first floor. No-one was hurt.

Watch commander Ian Cash, from Walsall, said it was believed to have been a slow burning blaze, and water pipes had burst and quelled the fire.

He said: "It looks more than likely it was caused by a lightning strike. It had been slow burning for quite a while.

"There was a hole in the roof when we arrived, it looks like it has hit the tiles directly.

"The fire was contained to mainly the bathroom area.

"It had damaged a water pipe so it has probably quelled the fire. It was quite extensive damage to the bathroom area."

Meanwhile, forecasters say the UK is set for more balmy July weather, after an unsettled few days of showers. Temperatures could reach 29C by the end of the week.

# Travellers spark series of gripes

A PERSON carrying a gun and geese going missing were among more than 100 complaints made about a group of travellers which has set up camp at a Walsall nature reserve.

The borough's licensing officer Sue Smallman told the town's magistrates the reports had been received from householders about the group since it moved onto land at the junction of Stubbers Green Road and Barns Lane, Sheffield, last Tuesday.

At Friday's hearing the bench granted an application by Walsall Council to evict the group of 10 caravans and 11 other vehicles, along with 20 dogs and several cockerels which are also on site.

No-one from the encampment was at the court to contest the order.

# Group ramble on the Malverns

WALSALL Group of Ramblers is heading off on a seven-mile stroll of the Malverns this weekend, through the woodland. For more information call 01922 692929 or visit the www.walsallramblers.co.uk website.

# Tributes paid to ex-chief Bob Jones



Former police chief, Bob Jones

TRIBUTES were paid to the West Midlands first police and crime commissioner a year on from his untimely death.

Bob Jones, a former Wolverhampton councillor, passed away in his sleep on July 1 last year. David Jamieson, who replaced him as commissioner following a by-election, said: "Bob was a brilliant public servant and is sorely missed. He was a man of the people who inspired warmth and affection in all he met.

"His death was a huge loss to the police family. Bob Jones was respected

across the political spectrum for his service and huge contribution to policing." Deputy West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Yvonne Mosquito said: "Bob was a dear friend and an excellent public servant. His commitment to policing and helping those in need was remarkable. He was a man of great principles, but crucially a great listener too."

Mr Jones was born in Wolverhampton and lived his entire life in the city, apart from while studying in Nottingham for a degree in public administration.

He was a Labour councillor from 1980 to 2013 for Blakenhall in Wolverhampton, serving at one point as cabinet member for leisure and community safety and on various scrutiny boards. He held responsibilities as chairman of education, finance and youth committees and chaired the Wolverhampton Community Safety Partnership. He was previously a member of West Midlands Police Authority from 1986 to 2012, and chaired the authority from 1995-2000. In 2010 Mr Jones was awarded the CBE for 'services to policing'.

# Firm pays out £18k after stowaways hid in lorry

A REMOVAL firm was fined after 13 illegal immigrants were discovered hiding in one of its lorries returning from France.

Walsall-based Movecorp Ltd was hit with an £18,000 bill after the group was found in the vehicle driven by Mark Robinson, who had returned from the Continent when he heard banging noises.



Part of the video footage

He had pulled over at services on the M25 in London.

Despite bosses saying he called police and the UK Border Force to report the stowaways, the firm, based in Middlemore Lane West, Aldridge, was fined £19,500 following the incident.

Following an appeal, managing director James Tennant said the fine was reduced to £7,500, but with the legal costs the firm ended up paying around £18,000.

Mr Tennant now wants to raise awareness about the issue with other haulage companies.

He also claims that hauliers are being asked to do the border force's job, with officials unable to cope with numbers of want-to-be immigrants.

The agency said it was continuing 'to strengthen the security' of borders 'to stop those who have no right to enter the UK'.

Mr Tennant, aged 39, said: "The most frustrating thing is that our driver could have opened the doors and let them go, but because he did the right thing and reported it, we have ended up being the ones penalised."

Video footage shows police telling the stowaways to stay in the truck before being led out one by one.

Mr Tennant said: "Whoever is behind it is obviously well organised. The driver had done the checks and locked the door. It seems the locks were opened by someone, the people let in, then reattached.

"He didn't really speak to the stowaways who were then taken away by the officers.

The lorry was loaded with household goods belonging to a customer. The incident happened in May last year.



Co-ordinator Kirsten Welsh, left, and singer Sister Talibah prepare for Walsall Town Festival which gets under way on July 18

# Festival fever is set to hit borough

EXPECT colour, live music and fun activities when Walsall Town Festival begins this month.

This year's programme will feature more than 60 activities, with everything from deadly dare devil acrobatics to boat trips from Birchills to the Wharf at Gallery Square.

There will also be craft and art workshops.

It will take place from July 18 to 26.

Creative Walsall Network and Walsall Council's Town Centre Management are behind the event.

Deborah Slade, a chief organiser, said: "We are putting on this fantastic show to really highlight the independent and artistic minds we have in Walsall. We are creating the platform for them to showcase their talent."

There is also a full programme of fringe activities being hosted by many of the town's pubs and retailers.

The final weekend will finish with performances from Cardiff-based act No Fit State Circus.

For more information on the festival, visit [www.creativewalsall.com](http://www.creativewalsall.com)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Grocery store is back open

A GROCERY store which was closed down after the discovery of a mouse been reopened.

A&S Supermarket in Milton Street, Walsall was issued with a hygiene emergency prohibition notice, but following a full clean and disinfection, the council environmental health team allowed it to reopen.

David Elrington environmental health manager at Walsall Council, said: "The business has cooperated with the environmental health team which has meant they were able to open reasonably quickly."

### Villa match moved due to EDL march

A PREMIER League football match has been rearranged due to an English Defence League march taking place in Walsall. Sky Sports had chosen Aston Villa's home game against Manchester United for television coverage and the tie was set for August 15.

But police advised the clubs the game should not take place, claiming resources would be stretched. With Manchester United unwilling to play on Sunday due to Champions League commitments the following week, it means the game has been switched to Friday, August 14.

### Firms sought in regeneration bid

A FIRM could be sought from Europe to lead the multi-million pound regeneration of derelict industrial land in Walsall which will bring hundreds of jobs.

A private sector partner is being sought by Walsall Council and the Homes Communities Agency to transform the 44 acre Phoenix 10 site near Darlaston. Companies across Europe are now being invited to complete a pre-qualification questionnaire as the first stage of the bidding process.

### School damaged by storm fully reopen

A SCHOOL in Cheslyn Hay which was partially closed to pupils yesterday after the building suffered storm damage fully reopened today.

Cheslyn Hay Sport & Community High School, in Saredon Road, was closed to pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 on Monday, although Year 10 and 12 students were told to go in as normal.

A message posted on the school's website said the decision was taken due to storm damage on Friday evening.

### Songs of praise

AN annual songs of praise event will take place at a church in Walsall on Sunday.

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## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



SUMMER: The season when, having spent nine months waiting for a few hot days, you remember you don't really like hot days.

A READER may have solved the two biggest problems facing Europe, African refugees and Greek debt. He writes: "Why not combine the two? Write off the interest repayments and in return Greece finds a home for all the migrants and refugees that no other member states can accommodate. The population growth and house-building boom will stimulate their economy and they will grow their way back to economic fitness."

MEANWHILE, is anyone considering a scheme for British families to sponsor Greek families? There is tremendous sympathy towards ordinary Greek people. A hundred quid a month may not be a lot to some UK families but it would be manna from heaven for a cash-strapped family in Athens or Corfu. After the First World War, British towns and cities adopted war-wrecked towns in France and Flanders to help in their recovery. Politicians and bankers clearly haven't a clue how to get Greece back on its feet. Maybe it's time for the ordinary people of Europe to have a go.

TV subtitles which are produced instantaneously for news bulletins are a rich source of merriment. But when the sub-titles have all the time in the world, there's no excuse for getting it wrong. I am currently ploughing through the box set of the fine Gillian Anderson thriller The Fall (BBC), set in Belfast.



The subtitles refer to those well-known villains, the "distant Republicans." Dissident, as it turns out.

FROM the instructions for my new battery charger: "The charger have different pilot lamp of different quantity. The mo brightness of pilot lamp lighting the less electric quantity is, and need to be charged, during charging." Which translates roughly as stand well back and switch it on with a long stick.

WOMEN in Japan are reportedly flocking to a zoo to see Shabani, an 18-year-old silverback gorilla who has been likened to a male model with "brooding good looks." I have a blind friend who has just received a new guide dog, a flat-coat retriever which is a similar hit with the ladies. One female admirer sighed: "If that dog was human, he'd be Poldark."

LOOKS like the hot spell caught the supermarkets by surprise. Waitrose crumpets, the perfect winter-night treat, were knocked down to 19p for eight. Nice, hot crumpets dripping with melted butter, anyone? Thought not.

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# Full of colour and fun at carnival



Dance City's float, left, Caitlin Carter, Olivia Gannon and Eloise Turner



The community centre-based Centre Stage float, with Rob Whitby at the front

THERE was a sea of colour and smiles as thousands turned out to celebrate Pelsall Carnival.

Around 6,000 flocked to the village where there was a procession of floats and other entertainment including fun fair, dog show, marching band, dancers and fire service display.

Ian Rhydderch, secretary of the Pelsall Carnival Committee, said there had been a good atmosphere on Saturday with the weather on their side.

The Walsall-based event was one of several which took place over the weekend with others thrilling the crowds in Stourbridge, Halesowen, and Wombourne.

Hundreds turned out for the return of the Halesowen Carnival. It had been 30 years since the event was last held but there was no shortage of smiling faces at Highfields Park as there was everything from dancers to live music.

Councillor Stuart Henley who sits on the organising committee said: "We have had brilliant feedback from everyone here."



Ex-marine Ronnie Carleton with Lewis Weavill



On the Feeling Fabulous float is Laura Taylor with mum Tracey

# Hero grandfather, 74, drowns in rescue bid



Richard Guest, who died in a rescue attempt

**TRIBUTES have been paid to a hero grandfather from Walsall who died while trying to save two teenagers from the sea.**

Richard Guest got into difficulties as he helped a second man rescue the girls in north-west Wales.

The 74 year-old, who was known as Dick, was recovered unconscious from the water by RNLI crews from Aberdovey.

Mr Guest, who had involvement with Handsworth Rugby Union FC in Birmingham Road near Park Hall, was airlifted to hospital by the rescue helicopter but died on Saturday afternoon. Family members took to social media to speak of their shock and sadness at his death as tributes were posted on the Love Tywyn Facebook page.

Report by Craig Hughes

Son Gareth Guest, aged 45, said: "Unfortunately my dad drowned after he'd helped save two girls who were in difficulty."

"Everyone has been very kind. He was that kind of person. I am going to miss him very much, as is the rest of my family."

Daughter Ceri Donovan, 43, said: "We are devastated by what has happened to my Dad. Thanks for the kind words."

Dozens of other messages were left in tribute to Mr Guest, believed to be holidaying at the time.

Melloney Daines posted: "Awfully sad news today bless his heart and God bless him. Was certainly sent here for this act of selfless bravery on this day."

David Jones added: "It doesn't surprise me that Dick would do

something heroic like this." A statement from North Wales Police said: "The male was assisting a second man in the rescue of the two teenage girls when he too got into difficulty."

"He was recovered unconscious from the water by a crew from Aberdovey RNLI Lifeboat and attempts were made to revive him at the scene. He was airlifted to hospital by the Coastguard rescue helicopter but sadly later died."

"The second man and the two girls were recovered safely from the water and the teenagers were taken to hospital to be monitored as a precaution."

Lifeboat operation manager Dave Williams, said: "We were called at 3.47pm and told two youngsters had been swept out to sea. There was a rip current that dragged them out to sea and they got into difficulties."

## Campaign under way to replace flag plaque

A COMMUNITY is backing a campaign to replace a plaque of the Willenhall flag that was wrecked by yobs.

The stone that was fitted to the front of the town's library was discovered smashed up last Monday.

It was unveiled alongside the unfurling of the flag seven months ago to mark the lock industry and in a bid to promote civic pride.

The group behind the project say the incident has resulted in a fresh show of support for the flag scheme from residents angered by the attack.

Katie Plant, of website group Willenhall Ay We.co.uk, said: "A lot of people are quite upset about it. We are going to have it replaced by Brett Quintons Funeral Service who made the first one. Also a member, who is a graphic designer, has offered to come up with a new plaque design to be made with specialist material."

"I'm hoping to have a meeting with the council soon about where we can position it next time, perhaps higher up on the wall. There is a possibility we can have two made and the second will be fitted inside the library building."

"The community has really galvanised over what's happened. We've had some good response from people in the area on Facebook offering to donate their services."

"This is all about promoting the town."

The flag's unveiling last November coincided with a visit by guests from Willenhall's twin town of Drancy, in France.

## Town college to open its doors

AN open day is being held at Walsall College today, Thursday.

The event from 4pm to 7pm will give prospective students the opportunity to speak to tutors about courses, tour the facilities and speak to the student support team about the financial help available for tuition and living costs.

Principal and Chief Executive, Jatinder Sharma, said: "Our qualifications are all about preparing people for the real world."

"All enquiries are welcome, from school leavers who have completed their A levels or Level 3 BTEC qualifications to people looking to change their career direction or boost their chances of a promotion. With the cost of university still on the rise, studying locally has never looked so attractive."

## Restaurant scheme set for approval

A NEW restaurant is poised to open in Darlaston despite objections over potential parking issues, litter and smells. The conversion of a former shop in Hall Street East is being recommended for approval by Walsall Council planning committee, today.

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# Maternity unit boost work is in the pipeline

WORK on the multi-million pound expansion of Walsall Manor Hospital's maternity department is expected to start by next spring, health chiefs have revealed.

A final business plan to cater for rising numbers of mothers-to-be is poised to be revealed in October.

Subject to full permission for the project, which is anticipated to be worth £6 million, work would be able to start within six months.

The extension of maternity services forms part of the £30m masterplan to revamp and improve the Manor in the next few years. It has not yet been confirmed when it would be completed. It comes after a new £5m ward with 30 beds opened earlier this year there are also plans for a new intensive care unit. Following that the A&E would be transformed.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust has a main delivery suite at the hospital and a specialist midwifery-led unit in Charles Street, on the outskirts of the town centre.

Bosses want to improve the main suite following a rise in demand for maternity services. In recent years the trust has seen the number of babies born in maternity services rise from around 3,500 to 5,000 a year, amid an increase in patients from Staffordshire and Sandwell.

Walsall chief executive Richard Kirby said the aim was for the business plan to be ready in the autumn and comes as there has been a rise in demand.

# Just the ticket for scary tales

SPOOKY tales will be the theme of a series of library talks to celebrate a reading festival.

Walsall Library Service will this month host the events featuring murder stories and mystery as part of the Black Country Reading Festival.

Author and historian Ian Bott, of Wednesbury, will be the guest speaker at Bloxwich Bookmark, in Elmore Row, on July 8; Aldridge Library, in Rookery Road, on July 9; and at Willenhall Library, in Walsall Street, on July 14.

All events will be from 2pm to 3pm. It is being held as part of the main Black Country Festival.

The official Black Country Day is being marked on July 14. Admission is free to the author's library sessions.

# Gas project to spark delays

MOTORISTS will face delays during gas main works later this month. Temporary traffic lights will be in use along Blackwood Road, Streetly, between July 20 and 24 during works by National Grid Gas.

# Beth to share stage with star soprano



Internet sensation Beth Ford

A TEENAGE singer from the Black Country who found success on the internet will share the stage with celebrity soprano Rebecca Newman.

Schoolgirl Beth Ford, from Bloxwich, has been invited to join the classical performer, known as 'The People's Soprano', at her show at Lichfield Garrick on July 16.

The concert will follow the release of the 14-year-old's debut single the original song If I Could Escape on July 13. Beth attracted more than 45,000 hits when a video of her singing Pie Jesu went viral after the footage was

put on YouTube. The star soprano was among those who tuned in to watch her singing in the chapel at Rugby School. Now she's taken the Walsall Academy pupil under her wing.

When her original support act for the Lichfield show dropped out Miss Newman asked Beth to step in.

Beth said: "I'm so excited and honoured to have the opportunity to support Rebecca, she has been very kind and generous in asking me to perform. She is a true inspiration." They previously shared the stage at a private event in Birmingham last month.

Miss Newman said: "As a songwriter myself I love the fact that Beth is releasing an original song and I'm thrilled to be able to give a platform to young performers like Beth."

Then her version of I'm Always Chasing Rainbows topped the Hype Machine chart at Number One before it was even released in May.

Newman's new album Dare to Dream shot straight to the top of the Classical Albums Chart last September. Beth's new song will be released by the indie record label Angry Baby, along with a video.

# Family's late night shock as fridge freezer blazes

A FAMILY fled their home after they were woken in the middle of the night by their dog barking - to find their fridge freezer had caught fire.

Robert Whild, aged 54, his wife Nicola, 52, and their daughter Danielle, 19, managed to escape their Willenhall home, after their dog Bailey was disturbed by the smell from the downstairs kitchen.

The blaze tore through the kitchen at the property on Benbridge Close, Coppice Farm, at about 1.45am last Monday, gutting the room and wrecking the appliances.

The devastated couple have now had to cancel their holiday in Lake Garda in Italy to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary at the end of the month as they begin the huge clean-up.

The fire appears to have been caused by an internal electrical fault in the fridge freezer.

Mr Whild said: "We were woken up by a horrible, toxic smell. The dog woke up agitated which disturbed my wife and then me and my daughter woke up, they evacuated the house while I went to see where the fire was coming from."

Mr Whild found the fire in the kitchen before managing to escape himself and calling emergency services.

## Buried

Two fire engines, one from Willenhall and one from Bloxwich, arrived at the scene along with an ambulance to check the family over. "The response of the fire brigade was excellent, they were here within two or three minutes," added Mr Whild.

"It turned our life around in the space of an hour, if we hadn't have woken up we may well have been buried in our sleep.

"We have smoke alarms which went off too, what has happened highlights the need for them."

Work getting the house back into shape has started and the event has led to Nicola and Robert having to cancel their holiday plans.

Mr Whild added: "The whole of the kitchen is of no purpose at all, not one appliance is salvageable, it has all got to be gutted out and replastered.

"The room is completely destroyed, the rest of the house has been affected by the smoke which has all got to be cleaned and sanitised.

"We have now had to cancel our holiday abroad to celebrate our 30th anniversary, and it will take nine or ten weeks to repair everything.

"By the beginning of September we should be able to get on as normal."



Nicola Whild from Coppice Farm with the fridge freezer that caught fire in the middle of the night

# Wrestler's ready to rumble with Maxx

A WWE wrestler will take to the ring in Walsall to grapple with local stars.

Known in the ring as Carlito, from Houston Texas, the former WWE Intercontinental and Tag Team Champion will not only be competing on the night, but will also take part in an autograph signing. His opponent on July 11 in Darlaston will be 'Mad Dog Maxx, known away from the ring

as Matt Powell. He said: "This is being billed as the biggest single bout of my career, and I hate to admit it, as I'm trying to stay calm and focus.

"Carlito Colon is a top draw international star, he's wrestled in every civilized country in the world, he's held WWE Championships, his father was an amazing wrestler, his brothers are amazing wrestlers, and he's the

most gifted of them all. "When it was first announced that he would be coming to the area, the whole Midlands wrestling scene was buzzing, fans were so hyped to be seeing him wrestle, even before they knew who his opponent would be, now it's been announced.

Tickets for the event at the Darlaston All Active Centre, Willenhall Road, are £6.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

# £800,000 refit of home ends

AN £800,000 refurbishment of a Black Country nursing home has been completed. New furnishings have been put in at Bupa's Parklands Court Nursing Home in Bloxwich.

All aspects of the home including lounge and dining areas and redecoration of residents' rooms have been completed. Deputy Mayor and Bloxwich councillor Kath Phillips attended an open day which also celebrated the work at the Park Road site.

Home manager, Emma Miles, said: "We're all really pleased to be able to offer even better facilities."

# A&E targets in improvement

IMPROVEMENTS are being made at a hospital which has struggled to reach A&E targets, bosses have said.

Walsall Manor recently hit the 95 per cent target for patients seen within four hours. In a report, chief executive Richard Kirby said: "We continue to see improvement in our emergency care pathway." He explained that the target was reached for the first time in May since July 2013.

"On the elective care pathway, we are also now reducing the numbers of patients waiting for diagnostic procedures in endoscopy."

# Students' group in awards hope

A STUDENT-RUN organisation has been shortlisted for two awards. Walsall College's Students Union has been nominated for the Further Education Students' Union award while student finance and support co-ordinator Gail Houghton is up for the staff achievement accolade.

Campaigns implemented by the union in the last year include increasing awareness of autism, encouraging more young people to vote in elections and promoting anti-bullying.

# Pumphouse all set to become homes

A FORMER brewery pumphouse in Smethwick will be converted into homes after plans were approved.

The Grade II-listed pumphouse in Cape Hill was part of the former Mitchells & Butler brewery.

The building sold for £64,000 at a CPBigwood auction in December.

Sehmi Enterprises Ltd has been granted permission to transform the building to Sandwell Council. It will be converted to create five self-contained apartments over three floors.

# Fete to help club

A FAMILY fun day with face painting, tombola and fete games will take place on Saturday.

The event in aid of Darlaston (1874) is being held at Bentley Leisure Pavilion, Bentley Road North.

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area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people



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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



# Good time to serve up bad news in budget

YESTERDAY, as the nation became engulfed in Ashes fever, and while tennis fans watched Wimbledon, the Chancellor delivered one of this toughest budgets to date. Maybe my years in this job have made me cynical. But will we ever know any of the bad news that may have been buried under the perfect cover of such newsworthy events?

TEN years ago this week, we had the radio on in the office when it was announced London would host the 2012 Olympic Games. A very bright young girl who was on work experience at the time asked if this would put Britain at risk of terrorism. "No chance, it's seven years away, the terror threat will be long over by then," was more or less what I said in reply. How stupid those words seem now.

IN his own inimitable and respectful style, armchair revolutionary Russell Brand declared that the Tunisian massacre was all David Cameron's fault, and that the minute's silence held in honour of the victims was 'complete bullsh!t'. Only in slightly different terminology.

Well Russell, my old son, what I suggest is that you choose what you consider is a more worthy cause, something dear to your heart. It can be anything, global capitalism, multinationalism, the soaring cost of burlesque outfits, whatever you like. And then observe a period of silence in recognition of it. More than a minute's silence, I suggest. Two or three years should do the trick.

ALL of two days of sunshine, and the moaners were out in force. The unions started banging on about temperatures in the workplace, the rail companies warning about bending tracks, it's amazing the schools didn't jump onto the bandwagon and say it is too hot for the kids. Two days, that's all we had before it started raining. Stop complaining and enjoy it.

OF course summer also means the festival season is upon us, where thousands of students and ageing hippies show their disdain for materialism and capitalism by paying 70 quid or more to giant multinationals to camp in a field for two days listening to bands nobody has heard of.

It looks as though they took it a bit further in Flaxley, Gloucestershire, where around 500 free-love fans attended a giant wife-swapping festival. Apparently, one or two of the neighbours were a bit perturbed, particularly one who found a gatecrasher climbing over his fence. The banners declaring 'three is the magic number' and the sex-toy trade stands raised one or two eyebrows as well.

The event was called Swingfields. I wonder how many people would have thought this was a Glenn Miller festival?



George, aged 18, seen during pilot training in the United States



The official unveiling of the plaque telling George's story



Final resting place, the young pilot's grave in Caligny

# French village tribute to heroic pilot George

A community in Normandy has shown its respect at the grave of a brave pilot for 70 years, **ROBERT COX** reports

**AMID the atrocities of war are stories of remarkable human kindness.**

Among them is the heart-warming tale of the determination of a French community to honour an RAF pilot from Kinver, who died when his plane was shot down over their rural hamlet in Normandy.

Pilot Officer George Boucher was aged just 21 when he was shot down on August 5, 1944, crash landing near Caligny, which has a population of fewer than 1,000 people.

Among them was Claude Pailleux. He went immediately to the wreck, which had been surrounded, he later recalled, by around 100 German soldiers.

After a long process of negotiation, and at the risk of reprisal, he convinced them to let him take the body for burial.

In a 1946 letter, Claude wrote: "The plane came down in flames in a field of beetroots. The pilot however had time to jump by parachute, but without doubt too near the ground, for it had hardly opened. On the morning - Sunday - we were able to make him a coffin of oak by a local carpenter to bury him worthily."

## Liberated

"We buried him at the foot of a little shrine at the edge of a highway in the hamlet of Caligny. Around 100 people were present at the funeral at 3pm in the afternoon."

"He was buried in a shroud and a score or so of wreaths were placed there. He was therefore buried with all the respect due to his courage."

Caligny was liberated by the 11th British Armoured Division on August 16, 11 days after George was killed.

In the letter to George's parents, Claude promised them he would take care of George's grave, a promise which the Pailleux family and their community have kept ever since.

This was in keeping with the wish of George's mother that her son's remains should stay where they were buried in Caligny rather than being transferred to a military cemetery.



Heroes of the air - George Boucher, from Kinver, is pictured fourth from the left, with his fellow airmen in the RAF 174 Squadron

A close friendship has since grown between the two families. The Boucher family first visited George's grave in the 1960s and have been travelling to the area regularly since.

This culminated last month in the unveiling of a memorial plaque, telling George's story, on the wall of the chapel next to his grave.

The plaque includes details of his remarkable military career and how the insistence of a Frenchman ensured he got a dignified burial.

Nearly two years earlier, in October 1943, George had made a forced landing in northern France, in the Pas-de-Calais region, after his plane was damaged while attacking a train in occupied territory.

In a letter he explained how he was saved by the French Resistance, so he could return home to continue the war against the Nazis.

He wrote about the aftermath of that crash landing, explaining: "I ran on to a road, on which was a Frenchman in a cart. I had

learned French at school and spoke to him. He said he could not help me but told me to hide in the hedge."

"About an hour after the crash three German soldiers arrived and mounted guard over the aircraft, and I learned afterwards that two lorries loaded with soldiers went round the roads in the district."

With the help of the French Resistance, George avoided capture and survived a long and hazardous journey through France to neutral Spain, returning to England to fly again.

The plaque was paid for after the Boucher family managed to raise £1,655 in donations from family and friends. George's nephew, Mike Boucher, travelled to the unveiling ceremony with brother David and those who had helped with the appeal.

He said: "The ceremony itself was a wonderful occasion but, as I said in my address on the day, the grave has been tended ever since

George was buried in 1944. Claude Pailleux's widow is still alive. We sort of grew up with her family."

"The grave is very unusual in that it is on its own and people may get the feeling it is forgotten but it is not. It is a wonderful story associated with it."

Mr Boucher, who is the assistant headteacher at Summerhill School in Kingswinford, says his family are immensely grateful to those from the French Resistance who helped George and, of course, to the people of Caligny.

He added: "For Claude to have negotiated a burial with German soldiers in the middle of the Normandy campaign takes some doing. His sister Jacqueline later became the prime carer for the grave for 30 or 40 years. Then the mayor of Caligny gave the promise the community would always look after the grave, which has been kept by all the mayors since."

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## Vast councils will change our lives

ACROSS the country there is a push for 'city councils' and 'metro' mayors. Nearly all council leaders are going along with the creation of these vast councils, looking at the money being made available, but ignoring the consequences.

These councils are part of the creation of EU inspired 'city regions'. Although they come with the promise of more funding we have to ask at what cost? First there is the loss of control from our locally elected representatives as power is shifted to these new vast councils - with it goes local democracy.

## Dignity and choice for how to die

PEOPLE who request assisted dying do not want to die, they want choice and control over the manner and timing of their deaths.

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Turning a blind eye to compassionate amateur assistance to die is no substitute for a safeguarded assisted dying law. The UK's Supreme Court has cautioned Parliament that this issue must be resolved. People are travelling abroad to die, and, for every person who can afford to and does this, more people end their lives at home.

A law that safeguards everyone involved in assisted dying is a moral imperative. Dignity in dying is not a talked about subject but, must be considered. We all want our loved ones to have the most peaceful end.

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Added to that any extra money will come with strings attached as most of it will be in the form of loans that have to be repaid, not grants.

These new councils will immediately be instructed to cut emissions, the only way they can do this is to make life difficult for motorists and plans will be put in place for road tolling and increased parking charges. Our lives as we know them will change greatly, and not for the better.

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## Labour values not behind tax decision

THE short-lived Labour controlled Walsall Council (August 2014 to May 2015) introduced new council tax bills for 19,465 householders, who, until then had been deemed to qualify for up to 100 per cent discount on their council tax due to being on very low incomes.

From April 2015, every householder is now billed for at least 25 per cent of a full council tax bill, however low their income. This means that the vast majority of these 19,465 Walsall Borough householders being faced with new bills for the first time averaging around £20 per month. Some of these people will have incomes as low as £72 per week.

The previous Conserva-

tive/Lib Dem Coalition in Walsall, could have brought in these new charges on the poorest householders more than two years before but to their credit, they chose not to pile more bills on to those who could afford them least. It is disgraceful that a Labour Council decided to bring in these charges, having stated that a Labour administration would protect the most vulnerable.

We would like to hear from those who have been affected by these new charges. We can be contacted via Walsall Council or by calling Cllr. Pete Smith on 01922 491925 or Cllrs Paul/Chris Bott on 01922 473091.

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## Scrap HS2's expenditure

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Many knew that HS2 would only benefit London and those who can afford to travel on it saving but a few minutes, such as MPs, travelling to their constituencies a fare which of course they will claim back on their expenses which again we the electorate will pay for.

E J JOHNSON

## Teens should not get vote

A TYPICAL politician's letter from Councillor D James last week. He is certainly wrong if he thinks that statistics show a bias to Labour.

But I contend 16/17 year olds should not be given the ability to vote, whilst they may be keen and feel grown up, they lack the economic wisdom and experience which comes from just being caught up in all the activities he mentioned.

Leave things as they are. Politicians local or national make enough mistakes.

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# Furniture appeal for residents' green hope

A CARE home is on the look out for garden furniture in a bid to provide residents the perfect view this summer – over a bowling green.

Mali Jenkins care home, situated on The Crescent, Walsall is asking for donations of new furniture.

Debbie Turner, activity co-ordinator, said: "We have a wish tree which residents make wishes for things they would like and stick them on."

"One gentleman wished that we all would be able to sit outside and enjoy the sun in a proper seating area."

"It would mean the world to us if the residents and their visitors could have somewhere properly to sit and relax after a game of bowls or skittles."

"We haven't got the biggest budget and we use that mainly on Christmas entertainment – so if some kind hearted local or businessman would be willing to give us some furniture then that would be amazing and really appreciated."

The home is looking for comfortable furniture with cushions and a parasol.

It primarily cares for people with Parkinson's disease and dementia as well as being a day centre. The revamped bowling green was transformed from rubble to artificial turf last year and Ms Turner hopes the furniture would be the finishing touch.

She added: "It would be such a big difference as these are people who don't have the luxury of going home or sitting in their own gardens so we would love to bring it to them."

"If someone was to be generous enough to donate furniture to us then we would love to welcome the whole community along to enjoy it."

For details, Debbie Turner can be contacted on 01922 746246.



Senior Care Assistant Jane Elks appeals for garden furniture for the bowls garden

## Retirement plans on show

RESIDENTS can help shape plans for retirement accommodation in Aldridge. A public exhibition will give local residents the opportunity to view and comment on McCarthy and Stone's preliminary plans to redevelop land at 41 Leighwood Road, Aldridge, a commercial site, which is currently disused.

The event takes place on Monday at Aldridge Community Centre, Middlemore Lane, Aldridge from 3pm to 7pm. Darren Humphreys, Regional Man-

aging Director at McCarthy and Stone said: "We believe this site is ideal for retirement living accommodation, being close to shops and services in the centre of Aldridge. Our homeowners typically shop locally, so this development would represent a significant investment in the local economy."

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## Preya's successful start at a stretch



A new yoga class in Willenhall being run by Preya Chauhan who used the discipline to overcome depression

A WOMAN has fulfilled a personal dream of opening a yoga class to help others overcome mental illness with exercise.

Preya Chauhan, aged 35, has battled depression since her early twenties, but through training to be a therapist and finding solace in yoga, she intends to inspire other local people in dealing with depression.

Miss Chauhan said: "Willenhall has always seemed to have had low employment levels, and with that comes a low mindset and a feeling of worthlessness.

"I became very depressed in my twenties after university and there didn't seem to be anywhere around my area to help people who were suffering with mental illness.

"I wanted to make a change and inspire people that through yoga and exercise, we can beat mental illness in other ways than just prescription drugs and medication."

The sessions began on Monday between 6.30-7.30pm at the loft of The Workers Rest pub in Willenhall. If you are interested in attending please contact Preya on 07889 741772. Sessions are £6, and £3.50 for the unemployed. Her website is [www.cherishhealing.com/](http://www.cherishhealing.com/)

# Ofsted says academy is not doing well enough

TEACHING and pupils' achievement have not been good enough since a school turned into an academy, Ofsted inspectors have claimed in a new report.

Edgar Stammers Primary Academy, in Coalpool, has been given the lowest rating by education watchdogs in its first inspection since becoming an academy two years ago.

The report said standards in reading, writing and mathematics were well below the national average at the end of key stage one, while in key stage two, reading and maths standards were below average.

Teachers were criticised for not always planning work that is at the right level of difficulty, or adapting their teaching during lessons to help pupils learn more. Bosses at the school said an action plan is already in place and are committed to improvements.

The report said: "Pupils' achievement is inadequate, and has been since the academy opened. Teaching has been inadequate since the academy opened."

Inspectors said there were not enough opportunities for pupils to develop their reading, writing or maths skills by applying them in

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different subjects. It said attendance was well below the national average and pupils' behaviour needed to improve.

The report also said children in the nursery and reception classes were making good progress because of improved teaching and the newly-appointed headteacher and deputy headteacher were taking positive steps to improve teaching.

The newly reformed governing body was also praised for increasingly challenging senior leaders.

Headteacher Sue Winson said: "We acknowledge the inspectors findings and are committed to the continued journey of improvement. Everyone at the school is absolutely committed to achieving the highest standards of education for the benefit of all the children."



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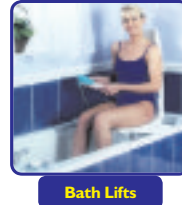
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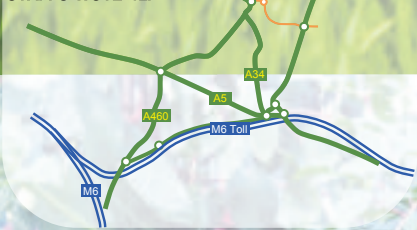
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## Delight as Ellie tale has a happy ending



**Joy - Angela Hackett, who lives in Chester Road, Brownhills, who has now been reunited with her dog**

A MUCH-LOVED family dog that had been stolen from kennels has been reunited with its owners.

Cocker Spaniel Ellie was taken from Ken and Angela Hackett, from Brownhills, after thieves broke into the pen where she was being kept on June 14. Mr and Mrs Hackett received a call on Sunday night from couple Ben and Kirsty Brooks who believed they had their pet, after they bought the dog from a man for £200.

Mr and Mrs Hackett said it was a huge relief to have their pet back home safe after they feared they would never see her again. Mrs Hackett said: "I was so elated to get her back, I thought I was never going to get to see her again. The couple rang us on Sunday evening and said they thought they had our dog. A man approached them asking if they wanted to buy his nan's dog, which he called Jess, and wanted £300 for her."

Mrs Hackett had dedicated hours to the search for Ellie, putting up posters around the area including Leamore and Sheffield. Mr Brooks, from Leamore, paid the man £200 for the dog, but they contacted Mr and Mrs Hackett as soon as he and Kirsty found out that she belonged to them. The couple were initially offering a reward of £5,000 but in the end gave the couple £300 and £60 for their son.

"I think his wife or his partner's friend saw the poster or newspaper, thank god they got back to me."

"They had her since Friday so I don't know where she was for the 12 days before, it might be something I never know."

## Final piece of land is bought for £12m site

DEVELOPERS have purchased the crucial final parts of a site earmarked for a £12 million retail and leisure development in Walsall town centre, paving the way for work to start.

Norton and Proffitt Developments has acquired key areas of land and buildings in the St Matthew's Quarter development site for just £1 from Walsall Council.

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It means the local authority will now receive a share of the profits generated by the completed scheme, which is expected to create around 200 new jobs.

Demolition of the derelict car park in Lower Hall Lane along with other buildings will start soon in order to make way for the new 11-unit retail and leisure scheme, which has already attracted big names such as Poundland and B&M.

A building in High Street, the Cooltrader building and other units in Digbeth and Lower Hall Lane will all be pulled down. Bosses said there had also been a large amount of interest from other retailers, leisure and restaurant operators.

Norton and Proffitt Developments is a joint ven-

ture between St Modwen and Goold Estates Ltd.

Mark Watkins, senior development surveyor at St Modwen, said: "This land transfer allows us to begin our redevelopment of shops, restaurants and leisure facilities."

Dominic Goold, of Goold Estates, added: "Now that the site is fully assembled, we can push ahead with the transformation of this area of Walsall."

Walsall Council's deputy leader, Councillor Adrian Andrew said: "We're delighted to have played a major role in facilitating the development by making the council's land available and look forward to seeing work start on site very shortly."



# 120 health workers attacked in a year

MORE than 150 workers at Walsall Manor Hospital were attacked by patients in 12 months, bosses have revealed. The incidents of violence or aggression were reported to Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust between April 2014 and March this year.

The health trust said many of the 156 reports involved patients with medical conditions such as dementia

and those undergoing detox treatment. A new Respect Us campaign has now been launched to cut down on the incidents against health staff.

Chief executive Richard Kirby said: “The campaign is all about raising awareness of the violence and aggression that our colleagues suffer and making the public stop and think about the effects of their actions. The

figures are high and we are working together to try and bring them down.”

An example of such attacks has seen security guard Laky Singh punched by patients and most recently grabbed around the neck. The 47-year-old said: “Violence and aggression is shocking and has a lasting effect on people, not just physically but mentally too. We’re not here to be abused.”

# B&M to take over Focus store in 65-job scheme

**DISCOUNT** homeware chain **B&M** will open a new branch on the site of a former DIY store in Aldridge that has been empty for four years, creating 65 jobs.

The shop will open in the former Focus unit in August, bosses have announced.

Work is now being carried out to transform the building in Coppice Lane and recruit staff.

A home store and garden centre will launch at the site as part of the store. It comes after another B&M branch opened in Wednesbury.

The jobs boost means the two stores will have created more than 100 posts in just a matter of months. It has not been revealed how much is being invested in the new outlet. Tony Clements, store manager at B&M Aldridge, said: “We are really proud to be creating another 65 jobs across Walsall this year and continuing to play our part in the local community.

## Excited

“We are excited to get the doors open on August 1 providing great value products and world class service to even more customers across the town.”

From only 21 stores and one distribution centre in 2004, B&M has now grown to four distribution centres and more than 400 shops across the whole of the UK.

In a statement the company said: “A comprehensive internal and external refurbishment programme is currently being undertaken and the new B&M store will open on August 1.

“The store follows hot on the heels of the B&M store which opened earlier this year on the Gallagher Retail Park in Wednesbury creating another 40 jobs.”

## Four hurt in two-car crash



The aftermath of the crash involving two vehicles in Cheslyn Hay

THIS was the scene of destruction after two cars crashed on a busy road in Cheslyn Hay.

Four people were taken to hospital after the smash – and fire crews had to cut one of the vehicles apart to reach the people inside.

Emergency services were called to the junction of Upper Landywood Lane and Landywood Lane, at around 8.10pm last Tuesday.

Bloxwich and Cannock firefighters were called to the scene and cut the roof off one of the vehicles involved as they did not believe the driver and passengers would be able to get out with the injuries they had

suffered. Debris was strewn across the carriageway after the crash and one of the cars was barely recognisable as it was so badly damaged.

Traffic was diverted by police, who closed the road while the scene was cleared.

Queues built up on surrounding roads until it was reopened at about 10pm.

Suzanne Snape, landlady of The Mary Rose pub, in Moon’s Lane, said: “Police closed off the road from the junction with Moon’s Lane when it happened.

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# Cuts could make me a prisoner in my home

AS Monzur Miah feared becoming a prisoner in his own home, he joined a group of people in wheelchairs who tried to storm the House of Commons.

Now the 35-year-old from Walsall, who has cerebral palsy, is hoping his message has got through to the Government after it decided to close the £320 million Independent Living Fund.

The money was recently handed over to local councils, but many have not put in place any rules to keep it specifically for the 18,000 severely disabled people it was originally intended for - a procedure called ring-fencing.

Mr Miah, of Attlee Road, speaks with the aid of a voice synthesiser and relies upon a personal assistant, paid for by the ILF. Without his helper, he couldn't go to college, or even to church.

"This is a difficult time for disabled people," he said. "The Department for Work and Pensions says we are scaring people but we are not. The ILF means I can go out to college, to church and on holiday. For me it is worth £458 a week. This government has not thought about it. It should have been ring-fenced."

Mr Miah joined the group Disabled People Against Cuts which visited Parliament on June 24. The group, including eight people in wheelchairs, who attempted to get into the chamber of the House of Commons during Prime Minister's Questions.

They were stopped by police and escorted outside where they stopped traffic. Mr Miah has been able to go to Walsall College and take courses in English and maths.

He is a devout Christian who goes to The Church At Junction 10. The fund currently allows him to go out every day of the week thanks to his personal assistant, who has been with him for 10 years.

In a plea to David Cameron and work and pensions secretary Iain Dun-



Monzur Miah, who was protesting in parliament about changes to funding



The group of protesters stop traffic



Monzur Miah at Parliament

can Smith, he said: "Please ringfence the ILF. You should have talked to disabled people more before you did this. If the money was ring-fenced it would help people."

Councillor Eddie Hughes, portfolio holder for care and safeguarding at Walsall Council, said: "There are 56 people living in Walsall who currently

receive the Independent Living Fund.

"The level of support needs for each user is being identified between now and August 31 and we will be in contact with those who had been receiving government funding through ILF for this. We will ensure that the needs of each user is supported through individual tailored care packages

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# Mystery of 1872 village pit disaster

Pelsall 'E' TG

THE June meeting, opened by Lynne Bradin in the absence of secretary Jennie Ferrington, began with a summary of the recent Federation meeting.

Federation Chairman Pat White has stepped down and her place taken by Carol Drew. Blankets for the Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia are still required but new arrangements for delivery are to be made.

The Federation Bowls competition will be held at Pelsall Bowling Club on July 22, starting at 1.30pm. A Make and Natter Day is to be held at Pelsall Community Centre on August 22. Entry is by ticket only at £6 per session.

The Federation Afternoon Tea is on October 2 at Pelsall Community Centre from 2-4.30pm and a fish & ship supper/beetle drive will take place at Aldridge Community Centre on November 27 from 7-10pm.

Speaker Annita Bates, had everyone intrigued to know the answer to the mystery surrounding the Pelsall pit disaster in 1872. Members were also surprised and excited to hear of so many local ghost stories and sightings.

The competition for Pelsall memorabilia was won by Ann Salt with a framed picture of the High Street in the early 20th century. The raffle was won by Irene Middleton.

The July 16 meeting will include a talk by Pamela Wade on Life in a Hospital School Room. The competition is for a handmade get well card.

# Guild's own choir in fine voice to entertain



The WCTG choir who provided the entertainment at the June meeting

FOLLOWING the business section of the June 2 meeting chairman Pat Jones announced that the evening's entertainment would be provided by the 14-strong WCTG Choir.

Rehearsals for this performance had taken place each Friday afternoon over the past three months and the music range consisted of tunes from Oklahoma!, Les Miserables, Kiss Me Kate and ended with a sing-along of 1940s war-themed numbers. The Choir was most ably assisted by keyboard virtuoso Ric Smith.

The Chairman had reported that there were no apologies - there was actually 100 per cent attendance from members, who all

## Walsall Central TG

appeared to thoroughly enjoy the evening. It had been proposed at a recent WCTG committee meeting that a new section be formed, in the form of meeting for luncheon at various local venues once every three months.

When the idea was put forward to members it was very well received and the first luncheon took place on June 18 at the Longhorn, Sutton Road, Walsall.

Twenty members attended and it was decided to name this section of WCTG the Fine Diners.

# Gathering to gauge interest

## West Midlands Federation

WEST Midlands Federation would like to invite all interested ladies in Gornal and surrounding areas to a coffee morning at Zoar Methodist Church Hall, on Thursday, July 16, between 10.30am and noon.

The aim is to assess the possibilities of establishing a new Townswomen's Guild

within this area. Townswomen's Guilds meet once a month for contact with friends and colleagues.

Outings are regularly arranged throughout the year to include theatre trips and visits to places of interest.

They also enjoy lunches and an annual dinner plus a wide variety of interesting speakers each month.

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# Road rage victim will recover in six months

**A MAN** suffered serious leg injuries and has been left unable to walk for six months after a road rage attack.

The 54-year-old is now recovering in hospital from the assault in Walsall which police have branded 'vicious'. It happened when an argument between two men descended into violence when another man appeared on the scene.

Police have now launched an appeal for information in a bid to track down the thugs. In particular they are focusing on a woman who was a passenger in a car driven by one of the two attackers.

The victim was driving along Primley Avenue, Alumwell, in his beige Nissan Micra when a dark green Renault Clio pulled in front of him and blocked the road. Both drivers got out of their cars and began to argue with one another at which point, a third man, who had not been in either vehicle, appeared and joined in with the argument.

The Micra driver was then assaulted by the other two men resulting in the tendons in his legs being torn, a broken knee cap and bruising. Pc Davina Thorp

**By Lisa O'Brien**

said: "This was a vicious assault which has left the victim with horrific injuries, meaning he is unlikely to be able to walk for at least the next six months."

"The driver of the Clio is described as white, in his late 20s, around 6ft tall and of slim build."

"He has short, fair hair and possibly has some facial scarring. A passenger in the car is described as a white woman in her early 20s and around 5ft 8ins tall. The third man who joined in is described as black, in his early 20s, around 5ft 9ins tall and of medium build."

The incident happened at 2pm on June 21.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## Legal eagles hit new high with latest award



**Ian Henery, with, Bernard Young, Nikkie Bains, Emma Hughes, Adam Mohammed, Mark Brooks and Patrick Currie**

A WALSALL law firm has been nominated for another top award. Ian Henery Solicitors in Bilton Street, has been shortlisted for the UK's Criminal Law Firm of the Year 2015 in the contest run by Lawyer Monthly.

Ian Henery, aged 51, said: "I feel it's important to always give back to people, and this is something I've tried to achieve since I started this company fifteen years ago. I'm extremely flattered to be nominated again for an award. I will be flying the flag once more for the Black Country."

"I've lived all over the world but came back to Walsall in 1994. I'm proud to come from this area and that my achievements are putting Walsall on the map."

Earlier this year Mr Henery was the only Walsall solicitor to be nominated in any category for the coveted Birmingham Law Society Legal Awards 2015.

He was nominated in two categories: Partner of the Year and Corporate Social Responsibility/Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year, winning the latter category for his work in using poetry workshops to empower victims of domestic violence, drug addicts and women seeking to exit the sex industry.

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# Midlands needs more than JLR



**DANIEL WAINWRIGHT**  
Political Editor

IF the Midlands is to be the 'engine for growth' so desired by the Chancellor, it's going to need a lot more than Jaguar Land Rover at the i54 to keep it from just ticking over.

That is not to in any way belittle the £500 million investment on the South Staffordshire/Wolverhampton border.

But it does at times appear as though it's the biggest, if not the only, show in town in an effort to show what's being done to revive the economy.

The letters JLR roll off the tongue of virtually every council leader, executive or visiting minister wanting to talk up the achievements of the West Midlands.

## Worse

The growth figures, of course, suggest this region is leading the way in improvement. It just had a much worse position to start from than many other areas when it came to unemployment. Replicating the JLR success is the dream for virtually every single council across the West Midlands.

To do that, they want to embrace George Osborne's 'enterprise zones' - designated development sites which come with relaxed planning laws and tax breaks.

When it came to JLR at the i54, Wolverhampton and Staffordshire councils were able to team up and borrow the money to do the £37 million worth of slip road extension work on the M54 - a major pulling factor for a car maker that needed good and quick access to the motorway network for its suppliers.



George Osborne, on visit to Westley Plastics, Cradley Heath, with James Morris

Now Dudley Council has its own version of the i54 in its sights - more than 200 acres of land bordering Manor Way in Halesowen and the M5 motorway. The dream is 6,000 jobs. The nightmare is the perceived threat to the green belt.

The Halesowen Abbey Trust says there is 'historic countryside that Dudley Council are seriously threatening'. Some of the Conservatives in Dudley agree with the opponents, including the Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris.

He accompanied the Chancellor on a pre-election visit to Westley Plastics in Cradley Heath where Mr Osborne made his vow to create apprenticeships and enterprise zones. The problem may well be that the real big money spinners will want a blank canvas, and a massive one at that, to bring their new high end manufacturing sites to.

The solution would be to split up the enterprise zone perks and spread them across multiple brownfield, derelict, former industrial sites which the Black Country has in abundance.

No word yet from the Chancellor on the impending closure of Goodyear in Wolverhampton after nearly 90 years on the site.

That's odd, given how George Osborne is so keen on the Midlands as an 'engine'. What about the tyres?

The parallels between now and the late 1920s are striking.

Back then, towns all over Britain were competing to get the tyre maker in. Wolverhampton won. Fast forward to today and enterprise zones are all about attractive incentives. Getting JLR was a fantastic coup. But the sad decline of Goodyear, where my grandfather worked shows the danger of putting all our eggs in one basket.

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# £65k for family of woman after concerns over standards of care

Adrian is student of the year

WALSALL student Adrian Bloomer, aged 19, has won a national award.

He was presented with the Pearson BTEC media student of the year award in the Houses of Parliament on Tuesday.

The awards celebrate the achievement of students who have excelled in their studies and vocational skills.

Competition is fierce with nominated students from schools, sixth form and FE colleges across the country undergoing a rigorous selection process. This is led by industry professionals and leaders in education through the formation of a long list then onto a shortlist, before the winners are chosen.

Adrian, from Netherton, is in his last year of studies at Walsall Studio School and joined the School's sixth form when it opened in September 2013.

Head of 6th Form Peter Stack said "He has been an outstanding student in every way."



Settlement – Susan Hearsey

**A WOMAN with severe learning disabilities whose family claimed she received poor care at Walsall Manor Hospital and a doll she treated like a baby was damaged has been awarded a £65,000 settlement.**

Legal action was launched against Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust after the family of Susan Hearsey alleged the 64-year-old was subjected to 'inhumane' treatment after being admitted to the hospital.

The trust, which has issued a formal apology to the family, has now also agreed to an independent investigation, as well as the payout. Ms Hearsey was admitted to the hospital in September 2013 following a fall.

It was alleged that she was not pro-

vided adequate hygienic care and that the doll she loved as if it was her own baby was purposefully damaged by a nurse because Ms Hearsey was not doing as she was asked. Ms Hearsey's sister Jane Dunn, said the ordeal, in which the doll was found on the floor with its arm severed, some clothes missing, the legs damaged and a chunk of its hair missing, had a 'devastating effect' on Ms Hearsey and her family.

Human rights expert Merry Varney, who represented the family on behalf of law firm Leigh Day, said the settlement was approved at the Royal Courts of Justice in London. Ms Varney said the money would now go towards paying for the necessary equipment to enable Ms Hearsey to access the care and therapy she needs to start to recover from her ordeal.

She said: "Susan, a vulnerable patient with a severe learning disability, loved her baby doll as though it was her own child and she may never re-

cover from the cruelty she suffered while at the Walsall Manor Hospital.

"After facing denials from the hospital and only an offer to replace the doll, achieving financial compensation and an independent investigation finally brings her some justice. In addition to the damage caused to the doll the Trust faced allegations of wider neglect and abuse including that staff were distracted whilst on duty and lacked an understanding of Ms Hearsey's special needs.

Richard Kirby, chief executive of Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust said: "We are very sorry that this incident occurred and would like to apologise to Ms Hearsey and her family. The Trust conducted a thorough internal investigation immediately following the incident. The outcome and actions taken following the investigation were also shared with the family to reassure them that appropriate action had been undertaken and controls put in place."



Jane Dunn, from Bloxwich, with her sister's doll

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Rosie Ross's parents Sean and Karen at the start of the walk, which was in honour of their daughter

# Best feet forward in Rosie's honour

**DOZENS** of people took part in a charity walk in the name of a young girl stabbed to death in Birmingham 14 years ago.

Rosie's Walk, an annual fundraising event, was held at the Aldridge Old Airport in Bosty Lane in aid of the Rosie's Helping Hands.

The charity is dedicated to the life of Rosie Ross, who was killed in 2001 aged 16 while on a shopping trip with a friend. Rosie's Walk is the largest fundraising event organised by the charity and was set up by Rosie's parents Karen and Sean Ross in 2002.

The event, now in its 14th year, raises money for a number of good causes in Walsall and other areas of

the West Midlands and sees many people go on either a one or three mile walk.

And this year's event, held on Sunday, featured a showbiz and glamour atmosphere with a Hollywood v Bollywood theme. Participants dressed for the occasion by wearing clothes synonymous with movie characters and famous stars.

But parts of the event were far from glamorous as heavy winds and a brief hail storm left many of the stalls wrecked during the day-long event. However, the sun was mostly shining, with students from Walsall Studio School showcasing their music, dance and acting skills on the main stage.

They were supported by two Walsall based bands Enticement and Dinky and Dawn's Zumba group Bol-

lywood Style. Rosie's parents Karen and Sean hailed the community spirit shown during the event to ensure everyone enjoyed themselves despite the turn of weather.

After the event the organisers posted on their Facebook page: "Thank you to everyone who came along today, it will be one of the most memorable for sheer community spirit and that storm."

"Thankfully due to the quick and fantastic reaction of volunteers, young firefighters, stallholders and many visitors who ran to help catch tents and hold onto others, no-one was hurt when the extremely high wind and hail struck. You all have our heartfelt thanks for your assistance." For more information, or to make a donation visit [www.rosieshelpinghands.org](http://www.rosieshelpinghands.org).



People set off on the first walk, which also featured a carnival with plenty going on in the sunshine



Kevin Rowe, who was on hand to teach circus skills for youngsters who visited the event with their families



Air cadets Josh Lindsay, Charlotte Lefevre, Christopher Mongan and Manisha Mistry have a go at plate spinning



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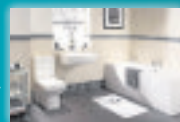


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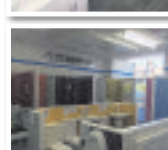
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Bernie Marsden jams with the Red Lemons



Neil Bullock, Dave Green, Bob Pountney, Dave Crowley, Paul Roberts, Iain Willets, Jim Merris and Suzi Perry

# Hold on, they're coming back as blues band tune up for 30 year reunion gig

**IMAGINE** being in a band with your best friends, playing some of the country's best known venues with rock legends like Chuck Berry and Robert Plant.

For members of The Red Lemon Electric Blues Band it will soon be time to reminisce as they mark their 30th anniversary by getting the band back together for a special gig.

Future motorsport television presenter Suzi Perry would appear as a dancer to stage with The Red Lemons, who her father used to manage.

Radio and TV presenter, and Baggies fan, Adrian Chiles even featured as bass player in an early line up of the group.

Now they are preparing for a home town gig for fans at Stourbridge Town Hall on September 11 in a one-off show.

Frontman and group founder Jim Merris, now 51, said: "It is like a family. We had such a good time and we were good friends. It should be a brilliant night."

The group were formed in 1985 after Jim

## MEMORY LANE

Report by Adam Burling

was inspired by hit film The Blues Brothers starring Dan Ackroyd and John Belushi, which featured lots of straight-faced humour, car chases and music from a host of soul, blues and jazz stars.

"I was given a copy of the film by a friend and watched it four times in a row," said Jim. He bought a Pontiac Parisienne car for £200 to have a big American-style car like those in the movies and determined to sing and play harmonica in a blues band.

He was able to secure a slot at The Broadway pub, in Norton, Stourbridge, and set about starting up a group featuring guitarist Iain Willets, pianist Dave Crowley, Neil Sprayson and a young Adrian Chiles on bass.

"It was phenomenal. People absolutely loved it," said Jim, who had met Adrian from Hagley at gigs in and around the Black Country. After just a handful of gigs,

Adrian and Neil left the group for university. Drummer Neil Bullock, who is now one of the country's top drummers, bass player Dave Green and Bob Pountney, who played trumpet, joined the group, and a few months later so did trombone player Paul Roberts — and he is travelling back from his home in Australia for the reunion. Sue Clarke sang with the group.

The Broadway, JB's in Dudley and now demolished Stewponey roadhouse pub at Stourton were among their regular venues.

After a couple of years they took on manager, Tony Perry. He had co-run the PMA agency based in Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton, and had been a director of the Lafayette club in Wolverhampton as well as managing the band Trapeze, whose members went on to join Deep Purple, Black Sabbath and Whitesnake.

They went on to find fame outside the Midlands, even outside the UK, by performing at jazz and blues festivals. They played at the Royal Albert Hall with reggae star Desmond Dekker. In 1991 the

band was invited by Chuck Berry to be 'special guests' on his UK tour. The band also played on the same bill as Robert Plant and Whitesnake's Bernie Marsden even guested with the band in Birmingham.

Father-of-two from Quarry Bank Jim is still gigging, with Big Jim's Boogie Band, but he says their best gigs were at Stourbridge Town Hall. "They were electric nights, jam-packed and there was always great banter," he said.

Latterly bassist Paul Turner performed with the group and now tours with Jamiroquai, while saxophonist Rob Hughes has performed with ABC.

The gig in September will also mark a moment to remember band member Dave Crowley who died 21 years ago in a mountaineering accident on Snowdon.

The concert at Stourbridge Town Hall on September 11 is a 30-year reunion and former manager Tony, of Finchfield, said: "It should be a great night, it is like them coming home." Tickets are available online at Midland Box Office or call 0870 320 7000.



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Catherine and Donald Penn tied the knot at the Methodist Chapel in Beeches Road in West Bromwich on June 18, 1955.

They had met at Phillips Cycles where they both worked and after marrying went on to have three children, Susan, Simon and Donald Junior, who played for Walsall Football Club, scoring 54 goals during an successful spell at the Saddlers between 1977 and 1983.

Catherine, aged 79, and Donald, who is 83, of Birmingham Road, Rowley Regis, celebrated reaching the milestone surrounded by their family at the Toby Carvery on the Hagley Road in Quinton.

## Possible

Catherine said: "It was just our family and we had a lovely meal, it was very nice."

Asked what the secret was to a long and happy marriage, Catherine said: "Give and take, and a lot of laughs."

The couple also enjoy spending as much time as possible with their six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Catherine said: "We have a great family and friends, we have had a good life." She said her mother was initially sceptical when she and Donald first got together in the early 50s.

"We worked together and we met up and that was it. My mother said it would never last but we have proved her wrong. We have just been happy, we have had a very happy marriage and we have got wonderful children and grandchildren."



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Donald and Catherine Penn in 1955

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# Believe the hype, it's Public Enemy



Rebels without a pause — New York's Public Enemy top the bill in Birmingham as Moseley Park gets funky

LEGENDS of hip-hop Public Enemy are top of the bill for the first night of the Mostly Jazz Funk & Soul Festival in Birmingham this weekend.

The New York outfit, founded by and still featuring Chuck D and Flavor Flav, will be the main attraction tomorrow night as Moseley Park celebrates all things funky for three days.

Public Enemy, — replacing The Sugarhill Gang as Friday's main act — changed the sound of hip-hop and

rap during the 1980s with albums that yielded such tracks as Fight The Power and Don't Believe the Hype.

The acts on Saturday include Caribbean funk band Cymande, Red Dwarf and Coronation Street actor turned Radio 6 superstar DJ Craig Charles and jazz vibraphone master Roy Ayers. The main attraction on Sunday is jazz-hat wearing singer Gregory Porter on a bill that also features The James Hunter Six and

Latin grooves from ten-piece band Baila La Cumbia

For each day's full line-up see the mostlyjazz.co.uk website. Tickets for Saturday have sold out.

Meanwhile, there will be opportunities to see Public Enemy again when they play the Barclaycard Arena as support for The Prodigy on December 3, and Gregory Porter when he ends his UK tour at Birmingham Symphony Hall on April 24 next year.



## Divine Miss M at arena

AFTER a 35-year absence from the UK stage, multi award-winning singer Bette Midler is back in Blighty.

The star of stage and screen will take to Birmingham's Barclaycard Arena tonight (Thursday) as part of her Divine Intervention tour.

Since releasing her first album The Divine Miss M in 1972, which won her first Grammy, Midler has become a global star as an actress, singer and comedienne. Last year she returned with hit album It's The Girls!, a tribute to girl groups from the 1930s to the modern era.

But achieving success has not been an easy ride for the ambitious performer who left a factory job in Hawaii for the mean streets of New York as a teenager in the late '60s. She got a couple of roles on Broadway before developing her outrageous cabaret act on the city's gay scene, where her musical director was a then unknown pianist named Barry Manilow. "I started off as a girl wanting to be an actress but I was not the obvious choice so I focused on singing," she says. Just as well, as the star of The Rose in 1979 went on to sell more than 15 million records worldwide. But the 69-year-old says she is glad she is not starting out in the business now.

"I would not even want to hazard it," she explains. "The music business is so treacherous and crowded. There are people who can barely sing but that doesn't stop them."

She added: "I discovered people in this business will hurt you. A lot of people cannot stand a woman with power and it was left for me to learn that you have to stand on your own two feet."

### Shalamar aiming to make you feel good

ONE of the top R&B bands of the 1970s and '80s, Shalamar, are performing at Bilston's Robin 2 venue on Saturday.

The trio was created for US TV show Soul Train and had hits with Take That to the Bank, A Night to Remember, I Can Make You Feel Good and There It Is. Jody Watley left in '83 and Carolyn Griffey has sung with them since 2003. The other two members are singer and dancer Jeffrey Daniel and Howard Hewett.

Former Spin Doctors frontman Chris Barron will join New York's punk/anti-folk poet Lach at the Robin on Monday, while Grammy Award winner Mary Chapin Carpenter is at Birmingham's Town Hall on Wednesday.

### Spotlight on youth music and dance

MORE than 8,000 young musicians are taking part in Music for Youth's week-long festival at Birmingham venues Symphony Hall, Town Hall and the Adrian Boult Hall, with free pop-up performances around the city.

It includes a jazz concert to-morrow night hosted by Birmingham's Soweto Kinch at the Town Hall.

Meanwhile, DanceXchange showcase work by their young dancers at their base in Birmingham Hippodrome on Sunday at 5.30pm. On July 16 at 7.30pm young dancers are joined by professionals to show talent in Dynamic Youth at Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre.

### Legend will make a Beautiful Noise

THESE are Diamond days at the Genting Arena, Birmingham, with rock and pop legend Neil Diamond in concert at the NEC venue this Saturday (sold out) and next, July 11 and 18.

The Grammy Award winner and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member has sold more than 125 million records worldwide since his career as a performer began in 1966. The 74-year-old New Yorker has an awesome back catalogue with songs such as Sweet Caroline, Cracklin' Rosie, Forever In Blue Jeans and Beautiful Noise. Last year he released his 32nd studio album Melody Road. Tickets start at £73.83.

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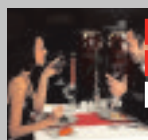
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Venturing into Egypt can feel like entering an untouched paradise. When strolling

**Egypt - by Alex Ross**

past the ticket inspector at the entrance to King Ramesses II's tomb, I'm told the queues used to snake around the entrance at the height of tourism.

My trip with Red Sea Holidays started from Birmingham International Airport. Five hours is all it took to get into the newly-built terminal at Hurghada Airport.

My accommodation was the 280-room five-star Makadi Spa Hotel. Within the complex there were five restaurants plus two international buffets. Bars surrounded each swimming pool at the hotel, which also had its own private beach just a two-minute walk away.

But I wasn't just there to relax as an adrenaline-fuelled quad biking excursion in the desert followed the next day, travelling for about 20 minutes before stopping off

to visit a camp of desert natives called the Bedouin. They live in their own community away from the rest of Egypt and once one person leaves he can never come back. However, they allow visitors to the camp, invite them in to look at a wide array of spiders, scorpions and snakes in an animal centre, and give them bumpy camel rides.

**Vibrant**

After lunch at an international restaurant and dinner at the hotel's steak diner, we trekked out to the port area of Hurghada. It had a vibrant feel about it and we ended up in Friends bar for some drinks and a smoke of shisha.

I set off the following day on a snorkelling trip. But as the sun came down, I headed for Orange Bay – an unbelievable sight of long white beaches with a shallow bay which stretched out for more than 200

metres. The afternoon flew by before we returned for the best meal of the trip – a Lebanese restaurant called Tarbush at the neighbouring Grand Makadi Hotel and watched the night go by with traditional Egyptian dancers.

The next morning I visited Karnak Temple and the Valley of the Kings and later joined the five-star MS Grand Rose a cruise boat on the River Nile in Esna, which set off on a three-hour cruise, while I sipped cocktails and relaxed on top deck.

The evening was finished off with a meal in the ship's own restaurant, followed by more drinks on the top deck and a luxury overnight stay in a cabin.

Back at base, I slipped into the swimming pool at the neighbouring Sunwing Hotel's waterpark and even tried some of the water slides. When I returned, flying back to London Gatwick, knowing I had tasted heaven.

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CHOICE



Stuart Manning

**Casualty (BBC1, 8.55pm)**  
Ethan (George Rainsford) is caught up in a complex murder case when he falls for an enchanting woman called Bonnie (Renee Castle), who brings nothing but trouble. This special episode, written by Mark Catley, sees Hanssen (Guy Henry) give his team in the Emergency Department a pep-talk during a night shift, ahead of a dramatic evening. Iain (Michael Stevenson) and Dixie (Jane Hazlegrove) find a distraught Bonnie in a tattoo parlour with her boyfriend Clyde (Stuart Manning) bleeding on the floor, and though she claims her lover left a suicide note, Ethan is suspicious that she is the one who pulled the trigger.

BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Box. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** Wimbledon 2015. The ladies' singles final. **5.55** Pointless Celebrities. Writers including Charlie Higson, Gill Hornby and Stuart Maconie take part in the general knowledge quiz. (R) **6.45** BBC News. **6.55** Regional Programme. **7.00** **Prized Apart.** The five remaining adventurers head to the Moroccan port of Essaouira, where challenges include filling a basket of sardines to a weight of 50kg – without using a measuring aid. Presented by Emma Willis and Reggie Yates. **8.00** **The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.** Nick Knowles presents the show in which two pairs of strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. Last in the series. **8.55** **Casualty.** Ethan falls for an enchanting woman during a complex murder case, but becomes suspicious when she is found in a tattoo parlour with her boyfriend Clyde bleeding on the floor. **9.45** **The John Bishop Show.** The comedian introduces routines by comics Seann Walsh, Doc Brown and Jamai Maddix, plus music by Jack Savoretti and Texas, and international cabaret star Meow Meow. **10.30** BBC News: Weather; National Lottery Update. **10.50** **Not Going Out.** Lee's dad Frank moves in after an argument with his latest fancy woman, but it becomes clear he is drinking too much, so the flatmates try to persuade him to seek professional help. (R) **11.20** **Would I Lie to You?** Rob Brydon hosts the panel show, in which captains David Mitchell and Lee Mack are joined by Dara O Briain, Denise Van Outen, Rhod Gilbert and Vernon Kay. (R) **11.50** **Film: The 13th Warrior.** (1999) An Arabic nobleman joins forces with Norse warriors to fight shadowy fiends at the end of the first millennium. Action adventure, starring Antonio Banderas and Diane Venora. **1.25** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.30** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.55** **Film:** Private's Progress. (1956) Comedy, starring Ian Carmichael. **8.30** Wimbledon Classics. **10.30** European Games Highlights. **11.00** Athletics. **12.00** The Box. (R) **12.30** Alex Polizzi: Chefs on Trial. (R) **1.30** Christopher Lee: Talking Pictures. **2.05** **Film:** The Mummy. (1959) Hammer horror, starring Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee. **3.30** **Flog It!** (R) **4.25** Edwardian Farm. (R) **5.25** Gardeners' World. (R) **5.55** Wimbledon 2015. The men's and ladies' doubles finals. **8.00** **Wimbledon 2Day.** Clare Balding is joined by former players and celebrity fans to look back at today's ladies' singles final at the All England Club. Plus, highlights of the men's and ladies' doubles finals and a preview of tomorrow's showpiece match in the men's singles. **9.00** **Mock the Week.** Ed Byrne, Josh Widdicombe, Milton Jones, Zoe Lyons and Matt Fordie join regulars Dara O Briain and Hugh Dennis to give their irreverent takes on the biggest stories to hit the headlines, through stand-up spots and improvised games. (R) **9.30** **The Battle of Britain.** Actor Ewan McGregor and his brother Colin, an RAF pilot, retell the story of the 1940 air battle that proved to be a turning point in the Second World War. The pair get hands-on experience of flying period fighter aircraft across the skies of England, giving Colin an opportunity to contrast his training in modern combat techniques with the skills required to master the Spitfire's less sophisticated technology. The duo also meet some of those who participated in the conflict itself. (R) **11.00** **QI XL.** Stephen Fry hosts an extended edition of the comedy quiz, with Sue Perkins, Ross Noble, David Mitchell and Alan Davies answering questions on the topic of knits and knots. (R) **11.45** **Golf: Scottish Open.** Hazel Irvine introduces highlights of day three from Gullane Golf Club. Eventual winner Justin Rose and home favourite Marc Warren were the star performers on this day in 2014. **12.45** **Film: Dracula.** (1958) Hammer horror, starring Christopher Lee. **2.05** **Film:** The Curse of Frankenstein. (1957) **3.25** This is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes.

ITV

**6.00** CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Super 4. (R) **7.45** Fish Hooks. **8.00** Young Justice: Invasion. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.25** ITV News: Weather. **12.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.35** Surprise Surprise. (R) **2.30** 1000 Heartbeats. (R) **3.30** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **4.15** Tipping Point. (R) **5.15** Catchphrase. (R) **6.00** **Regional Programme:** Weather. **6.15** **ITV News:** Weather. **6.30** **You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring everything from giddy grandmas, cute kids and crazy animals to below-the-belt mishaps, practical jokers and painful-looking accidents. (R) **7.00** **Film: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1.** (2010) The dark lord Voldemort rises to ultimate power over the magical world, so the teenage wizard and his friends set out on a mission to find the magical horcruxes – artefacts containing parts of the evil wizard's soul that hold the key to destroying him. The first half of the two-part conclusion to the fantasy saga, starring Daniel Radcliffe and Ralph Fiennes. **9.45** **Black Work.** Jo is left reeling as the secrets she has uncovered prove devastating for her family. She decides to abandon her investigation into Ryan's death out of fear she is endangering her children. However, when another body is discovered, she realises that her husband's murderer is still at large, and it is up to her to see that he is brought to justice. But as she takes up the case again, she does not realise that the killer could be terrifyingly close to home. Conclusion of the three-part crime drama, starring Sheridan Smith. Last in the series. (R) **10.45** **ITV News:** Weather. **11.00** **Film: State of Play.** (2009) A journalist investigates a connection between two seemingly unrelated deaths and uncovers a political conspiracy. Thriller, starring Russell Crowe, Ben Affleck and Helen Mirren. **1.15** Jackpot247. **3.00** Ejector Seat. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

**6.20** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.45** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Simpsons. (R) **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **12.25** The Simpsons. (R) **12.55** Rude(ish) Tube. **1.25** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newmarket, York and Ascot. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.45** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.45** Come Dine with Me. Farm-estate manager Chris hosts the fourth evening in Weston-super-Mare, Somerset and plans an African-themed menu, including savoury doughnuts. (R) **6.15** **Come Dine with Me.** Businesswoman Tracy hosts the final dinner party in Weston-super-Mare. Her evening includes dance lessons, a black-tie dress code, and steak cooked to order. (R) **6.40** **Channel 4 News.** **7.00** **Walking Through History.** Tony Robinson traces the childhoods of the Bronte siblings on a four-day trek through West Yorkshire, exploring the harsh reality of life in the 1820s for the literary family. (R) **8.00** **The Secret World of Legos.** Documentary going behind the scenes at the toy company, following a design student as he seeks a coveted position with the company and two fans hatching money-making schemes. (R) **9.00** **Film: Ted.** (2012) A lonely boy makes a wish at Christmas that his teddy bear will come to life, which is magically granted. The boy grows up to become a directionless slacker, with the foul-mouthed living toy still his inseparable friend – but his girlfriend thinks it is time for him to grow up. Comedy, starring Mark Wahlberg and Mila Kunis, directed by and featuring the voice of Seth MacFarlane. **11.05** **Film: Hot Tub Time Machine.** (2010) Three unhappy friends travel back in time to their youth in 1986 and are tempted to give themselves the lives they always wanted. Sci-fi comedy, starring John Cusack and Clark Duke. **1.00** The Last Leg. (R) **1.55** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.05** The Renovation Game. (R) **5.00** Secret Eaters. (R) **5.55** Draw It! (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Access. **10.40** Cowboy Builders. (R) **11.40** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.40** **Film:** Away All Boats. (1956) Second World War drama, starring Jeff Chandler. **2.55** **Film:** To Hell and Back. (1955) Second World War biopic, starring Audie Murphy as himself. **5.00** 5 News Weekend. **5.10** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. Stavros and Emily try to get their house back from squatters, while Margaret attempts to recover the £20,000 she is owed from a letting agent. (R) **6.05** **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Sheriff Paul Bohill tackles the case of a small debt owed by ex-footballer Neil Ruddock to a kennel owner, before being forced to evict a school dinner lady in south London. (R) **7.00** **Cricknet on 5.** England v Australia. Highlights of the fourth day's play in the First Ashes Test at Sophia Gardens in Cardiff. Mark Nicholas presents, and also provides commentary alongside Michael Vaughan, Geoffrey Boycott and Simon Hughes. **8.00** **Transporter: The Series.** New series. Action drama focusing on the exploits of Frank Martin, a "transporter" paid to pick up and deliver people or cargo from anywhere in the world. Chris Vance stars. **8.55** **Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole.** People living on state welfare in seaside towns in the south of England, including an English Defence League supporter in Margate and a single mum in Hastings. (R) **9.50** **Big Brother.** Another chance to see last night's eviction, revealing how the departure of the unlucky housemate has affected the others. **10.50** **My Daughter Stole My Husband.** More stories of infidelity and betrayal, including a woman who was left in shock when her second husband set up home with her son's wife. (R) **11.50** **Criminals: Caught on Camera.** Nick Wallis discovers how CCTV and technological advances are helping to tackle criminals exhibiting a complete disregard for the safety of others while at the wheel of a vehicle. (R) **12.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** Big Brother. (R) **4.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **4.50** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Top Gear **8.00** Jessie J & George Ezra @ T **9.00** The Script & the Vaccines @ T **10.00** Avicii & the Libertines @ T **12.00** Family Guy **1.45** Sun, Sex and Suspicious Parents **2.45** Bad Boy Boxer: The Last Chance **3.45** In Deep **BBC Four**  
**7.00** Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom **8.00** Timeshift: Magnificent Machines – The Golden Age of the British Sports Car **9.00** Cordon **10.45** Big Hits: TOTP 1964 to 1975 **12.15** Top of the Pops: 1980 **12.55** Timeshift: Magnificent Machines – The Golden Age of the British Sports Car **1.55** Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom **2.55** Pompeii: The Mystery of the People Frozen in Time **ITV2**  
**11.25** Catchphrase Celebrity Special **12.25** **Film:** Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **2.10** The Hot Desk: Nick Jonas **2.25** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **3.25** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **4.50** **Film:** Evan Almighty (2007) **6.45** **Film:** The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (2004) **9.00** Love Island **10.00** **Film:** Scary Movie V (2013) **11.50** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **12.15** Crazy Beaches **12.45** Love Island **1.45** Fake Reaction **2.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen **ITV3**  
**12.50** A Touch of Frost **2.50** Lewis **4.55** **Film:** Columbo: Negative Reaction (1974) **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **12.00** Wire in the Blood **1.35** Man About the House **2.30** Teleshopping **ITV4**  
**11.00** Goodwood Supercars **12.00** Tour de France Highlights **1.00** Pawn Stars **1.30** Tour de France Live. **4.30** British Superbike Championship Highlights **5.30** Storage Wars: New York **6.00** Storage Wars: Texas **7.00** Tour de France Highlights **8.00** **Film:** Never Say Never Again (1983) **10.45** **Film:** Rambo: First Blood Part II (1985) **12.50** The Cycle Show **1.45** Tour de France Highlights **2.35** Duck Dynasty **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **E4**  
**11.00** Melissa & Joey **12.00** Baby Daddy **1.00** The Goldbergs **2.00** How I Met Your Mother **3.00** **Film:** Penelope (2006) **4.45** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** **Film:** Fast & Furious 5 (2011) **11.40** Gogglebox **1.45** Rude Tube: Superstars of the Web **2.45** How I Met Your Mother **3.30** Jane the Virgin **4.15** Make It or Break It **Film4**  
**11.00** Doctor at Large (1957) **1.00** Fool's Gold (2008) **2.20** The Parent Trap (1998) **6.05** Clear and Present Danger (1994) **9.00** The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1 (2011) **11.15** Stake Land (2010) **1.15** Sanjuro (1962)



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## CHOICE



Joanna Lumley

**Joanna Lumley's Trans-Siberian Adventure (ITV, 9pm)**

New series. The actress embarks on her third travelogue, having previously traced the Nile from its source and sampled the varied cultures of Greece. This time, she sets out to travel 6,400 miles making use of the Trans-Siberian Railway, which is considered the longest railway line in the world. Joanna's journey begins in Hong Kong, where she spent some of her childhood. She takes a bullet train to Beijing, where she meets a woman who claims to have known the last Chinese emperor's favourite concubine. From there, she travels to the Great Wall, and takes an overnight train into Mongolia via the Gobi desert.

## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast. 9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** BBC News: Weather. **12.30** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** Wimbledon 2015. A look ahead to this afternoon's men's singles final. **1.50** Wimbledon 2015. Sue Barker introduces live coverage of the men's singles final at the All England Club, where the successor to Novak Djokovic is set to be decided.

**6.00 David Attenborough Meets President Obama.** The renowned documentary is interviewed by the US President about the future of the planet, their shared passion for nature, and potential ways to protect the environment. (R)

**6.35 BBC News.**

**6.50 Regional Programme.**

**7.00 Countryfile.** Matt Baker follows a pilgrimage trail set up in Derbyshire to mark the 350th anniversary of the Great Plague, and Anita Rani investigates the Bakewell tradition of well-dressing. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

**8.00 Fake or Fortune?** Nicky Phillips asks Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould to help resolve prolonged debate over whether a painting housed at Picton Castle, her family's ancestral home, is a genuine Renoir.

**9.00 The Outcast.** Sadie Jones' two-part adaptation of her own best-selling novel of the same name. In the years following the end of the Second World War, 10-year-old Lewis's idyllic childhood is shattered after he witnesses a tragic accident, and the incident sets his life on a drastic new course. Coming of age drama, set in the 1950s, starring George Mackay, Greg Wise, Hattie Morahan and Jessica Brown Findlay.

**10.30 BBC News.**

**10.50 Regional Programme.**

**11.00 Live at the Apollo.** Sarah Millican introduces routines by comedians Steve Hughes and Russell Kane at London's Hammersmith Apollo. (R)

**11.45 Don't Tell the Bride.** Children's entertainer Mark wants to stage a theatrical wedding on a cruise ship for his bride-to-be Kelly, but she is hoping for a traditional event for her big day. (R)

**12.45 Weather for the Week Ahead.**  
**12.50** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.30** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **7.30** Countryfile. (R) **8.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **9.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **10.30** The Box. (R) **11.00** Wimbledon Classics. **1.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **1.45** Holiday of My Lifetime with Len Goodman. (R) **2.30** Prided Apart. (R) **3.30** Plog It! (R) **4.20** Songs of Praise. (R) **5.00** Mountain Lions – Big Cats in High Places: Natural History. Documentary following two mountain lion families in Wyoming. (R)

**6.00 Wimbledon 2015.** Sue Barker introduces live coverage of the mixed doubles final, the last action of this year's event at the All England Club. Today's competitors will be hoping to emulate the Australian-Serbian duo of Samantha Stosur and Nenad Zimonjic, who won the title in 2014 with a straight-sets victory over Max Mirnyi and Chan Hao-ching.

**8.15 Dragons' Den.** New series. The business contest returns, with new Dragons Touker Suleyman, Sarah Willingham and Nick Jenkins joining Den veterans Deborah Meaden and Peter Jones on the panel.

**9.15 Odyssey.** Odelle is confronted by Frank Majors after she flees from Omar's guards, while Bob reveals he has new information about the murder-suicide.

**10.00 Family Guy.** Peter helps Joe to publish a book, but things get out of hand when he starts to take on the writing as well. Elsewhere, Brian begins an exercise regime.

**10.20 Family Guy.** Meg accidentally spills her lunch on an unstable new pupil nicknamed "Mental Mike", and must escape his plans to fight her. Meanwhile, Peter harasses Brian. (R)

**10.40 Wimbledon 2Dy.** Clare Balding is joined by celebrity guests and former players to assess the concluding day's play at the All England Club, focusing their attentions on the men's singles final.

**11.40 Golf: Scottish Open.** Hazel Irvine introduces highlights of the fourth and final day from Gullane Golf Club. Justin Rose clinched the title last year following an impressive final round of 65.

**12.40 Sign Zone: Countryfile.** (R) **1.40** Holby City. (R) **2.40** This is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Super 4. (R) **7.45** Fish Hooks. **8.00** Young Justice: Invasion. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.30** ITV News: Weather. **12.35** Love Your Garden. (R) **1.35** Long Lost Family. (R) **2.35** Film: Overboard. (1987) Comedy, starring Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell. **4.45** Midsomer Murders. (R)

**6.40 Regional Programme:** Weather.

**6.55** ITV News: Weather.

**7.15 Catchphrase.** Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clips, before one of them plays to win £50,000.

**8.00 Surprise Surprise.** Holly Willoughby sets out to reward another selection of public heroes by making their dreams come true. This time, she arranges a surprise fit for a princess for 12-year-old Poppy Guilder, who survived a prolonged battle with an aggressive brain tumour. She also enlists the help of the cast of ITV's Benidorm to reunite 52-year-old Maureen Turtton with her best friend Susan, who relocated to Canada with her family when she and Maureen were only 12 years old.

**9.00 Joanna Lumley's Trans-Siberian Adventure.** New series. The actress travels the length of the Trans-Siberian Railway, taking in Hong Kong, Beijing, the Great Wall and the Gobi desert in the first leg of her trek.

**10.00** ITV News: Weather.

**10.20 Bear Grylls: Mission Survive.** Arriving at a cave system, the contestants use their rope skills to navigate the tight spaces and waterfall descents in search of their dinner: a pig carcass that Bear has hidden. (R)

**11.15 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Karren Brady.** The businesswoman and star of The Apprentice talks about battling sexism as MD of Birmingham City FC and how a brain aneurysm made her take stock of her life. (R)

**12.10** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.40** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **4.40** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.20** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.45** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.10** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.35** Ginetta GT5 Challenge. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **1.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **3.00** The Simpsons. (R) **3.30** The Simpsons. (R) **4.00** The Simpsons. (R) **4.35** Location. Location. Location. (R) **5.35** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. Improving the saleability of a Scillian-style home in Bath.

**6.30 Channel 4 News.**

**7.00 Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud presents the first of four special programmes inspired by 15 years of Grand Designs. He begins with a look at the challenges of self-building in the city, where space is at a premium and architects have to be at their most ingenious. Kevin uses footage from the best urban builds from the show over the years, meets pioneers at the forefront of the latest architectural thinking and looks at clever innovations that continue to transform people's lives to reveal which designs work best and why. (R)

**8.00 Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year 2015.** George Clarke and the team visit entries from the Cabin and Summerhouse and Workshop and Studio categories, before announcing the winner of this year's contest. Last in the series.

**9.00 Humans.** Karen's hunt for the "Killer Synth" seems to take a personal turn, and Mattie's decision to trust Leo threatens to bring the Hawkins' debates about Anita to an end.

**10.00 8 out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.** Jimmy Carr hosts the words-and-numbers panel game, with Sean Lock and a special guest captain joined by celebrity guests. (R)

**11.00 Rude Tube.** Alex Zane presents a countdown of the UK's greatest sporting clips on the internet, featuring videos involving flying press-ups and a bikini wax race. (R)

**12.10** Film: Red State. (2011) Premiere. Thriller, starring Michael Parks, John Goodman and Melissa Leo. **1.40** The Dambusters: Great Escape: Secret History. (R) **2.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.50** River Cottage Bites. (R) **5.05** Secret Eaters. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.15** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.35** Pip Ahoy! (R) **6.45** The Mr Men Show. (R) **7.00** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.10** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.20** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.30** Paw Patrol. **7.45** Little Princess. (R) **7.55** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **8.05** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **8.15** Zack and Quack. (R) **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.40** Jelly Jam. (R) **8.50** Only the Little White Van. (R) **9.00** LazyTown. (R) **9.25** Dora and Friends. **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** Access. **10.35** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.35** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.35** Film: Every Which Way But Loose. (1978) Action comedy, starring Clint Eastwood. **3.45** Film: Dracula: Dead and Loving It. (1995) Horror spoof, starring Leslie Nielsen. **5.35** Film: Oliver & Company. (1988) Animated adventure, with the voice of Joey Lawrence.

**6.55 5 News Weekend.**

**7.00 Cricket on 5.** England v Australia. Highlights of the fifth and final day's play in the First Ashes Test at Sophia Gardens in Cardiff. Mark Nicholas presents, and also provides commentary alongside Michael Vaughan, Geoffrey Boycott and Simon Hughes.

**8.00 Police Interceptors Unleashed with Vinnie Jones.** New series. The actor introduces clips of exciting police chases, as elite pursuit units crack down on law-breakers on the highways and byways of Britain. Previously broadcast on Spike.

**9.00 Big Brother.** Daily round-up of highlights as the remaining housemates start their final week under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother.

**10.00 Film: Harry Brown.** (2009) An elderly retired marine takes the law into his own hands when his friend is murdered by hoodlums on a London estate. Crime thriller, starring Michael Caine and Emily Mortimer. Edited for length.

**11.50 Burglars & Break-Ins: Caught on Camera.** Journalist Nick Wallis joins police forces to reveal how CCTV is being used to fight crime, taking a look at how some residents are taking neighbourhood watch to the next level. (R)

**12.45** Criminals: Caught on Camera. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** Big Brother. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jamm. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**

**7.00** Top Gear **8.00** Paloma Faith & James Bay @ **7.00** Clean Bandit & Jamie T @ **10.00** Noel Gallagher & The Prodigy @ **11.30** Family Guy **12.15** American Dad! **12.40** Family Guy **1.25** Insane Fight Club II **2.25** Bad Boy Bover: The Last Chance **3.25** Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth

**BBC Four**

**7.00** Les Mis at **8.25** Matt Lucas Dreams the Dream **9.00** Connie Fisher: I'll Sing Once More **9.00** Pappano's Classical Voices: Mezzo-Soprano **10.00** One Night in Manchester **11.00** Kings of 70s Romance **12.00** Elvis: That's Alright Mama 60 Years On **1.00** Connie Fisher: I'll Sing Once More **2.00** Rock 'n' Roll America **3.00** Chuck Berry in Concert

**ITV2**

**11.35** Take Me Out **12.50** Take Me Out – The Gossip **1.30** Love Island **2.35** Film: The Flintstones (1994) **4.20** Film: Peter Pan (2003) **6.30** Film: The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997) **9.00** Love Island **10.00** Film: License to Wed (2007) **11.55** Fake Reaction **12.40** Love Island **1.40** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.10** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen

**ITV3**

**11.30** Film: Columbus: Negative Reaction (1974) **1.35** A Touch of Frost **3.45** Film: Swallows and Amazons (1974) **5.35** By Royal Appointment **6.45** Wycliffe **8.00** Inspector Morse **10.10** Film: Death Becomes Her (1992) **12.20** Blue Murder **1.45** Cornwall with Caroline Quentin **2.30** Wycliffe **3.25** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

**ITV4**

**12.00** The Cycle Show **1.00** Tour de France Highlights **2.00** Tour de France Live. Coverage of the ninth stage. **4.30** Prawn Stars **5.30** Storage Wars: New York **6.00** Counting Cars **7.00** Tour de France Highlights **8.00** Goodwood Supercars **9.00** Film: Unforgiven (1992) **11.40** Film: Dirty Harry (1971) **1.50** Tour de France Highlights **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

**E4**

**12.00** Couples Come Dine with Me **2.00** Film: The Net (1995) **4.20** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **4.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.00** Film: Black Knight (2001) **8.00** The Big Bang Theory – Ed's Top 20 **10.30** Gogglebox **12.35** Tattoo Fixers **1.40** Tattoos After Dark **2.35** My Mad Fat Diary **3.30** Hollyoaks

**Film4**

**11.00** Guadacanal Diary (1943) **1.00** The Dark Crystal (1982) **2.50** Fantastic Mr Fox (2009) **4.35** Step Up (2006) **6.40** School of Rock (2003) **9.00** The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 2 (2012) **11.15** Sleepy Hollow (1999) **1.25** Spring in a Small Town (1948)

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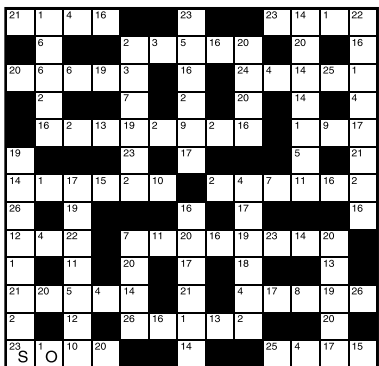




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Codeword

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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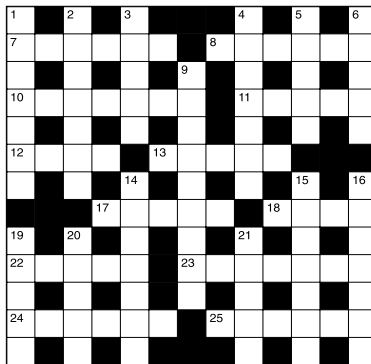
Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. New tune I'd put together (6)
8. She gave everybody stony looks (6)
10. It benefits from inflation, and the benefit is all-inclusive (7)
11. He swears he's one of twelve (5)
12. Chief means of support (4)
13. Many deserve to get information (5)
17. Take off (5)
18. I play in Roman children's game (4)
22. Half a minute or less (5)
23. He turns out to be an oriental conqueror (7)
24. Remarkable communication (6)
25. Don't miss a review (6)

Down

1. A tower of strength (7)
2. Club which may improve the flow of writing (7)
3. Fellow holds me up showing bad spirit (5)
4. Lying in a case, perhaps (7)
5. Dropping in to ask for some paper (5)
6. Hang about looking black (5)
9. From being in the red I possibly came into money (9)
14. See what someone has to say? (3-4)
15. Shorten a dog-end (7)
16. A man of fine taste (7)
19. Collect for a service (5)
20. They're not expected to impede one's progress (5)
21. A face saving feature of olden times (5)



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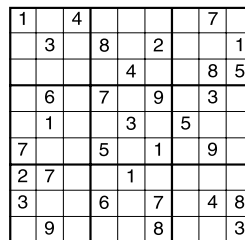
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13. Swift (5)
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18. Rip (4)
22. Despondency (5)
23. Slender (7)
24. Exact (6)
25. Small piece (6)

Down

1. Alarm (7)
2. Companion (7)
3. Seat (5)
4. Filthy (7)
5. Titan (5)
6. Abundant (5)
9. Lay waste (9)
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15. Compunction (7)
16. Short stiff hair (7)
19. Concur (5)
20. Plunder (5)
21. Harass (5)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Rased; 4 Raisins; 8 Interim; 9 Friar; 10 Ward; 11 Overcast; 13 Rues; 14 Lone; 16 Reverent; 17 Star; 20 Delta; 21 Armenia; 22 Endless; 23 Spree. Down: 1 Railway bridge; 2 Satyr; 3 Dare; 4 Remove; 5 Inferior; 6 Imitate; 7 Stretcher case; 12 Decrease; 13 Reviled; 15 Inlays; 18 Tenor; 19 Amos. QUICK - Across: 1 Guard; 4 Capture; 8 Arbitrator; 9 Stoop; 10 Lamp; 11 Donation; 13 Whip; 14 Elan; 16 Quantity; 17 Dire; 20 Ethos; 21 Educate; 22 Torment; 23 Dress. Down: 1 Grandiloquent; 2 Album; 3 Duty; 4 Cartoon; 5 Passable; 6 Utopian; 7 Expensiveness; 12 Distaste; 13 Weather; 15 Street; 18 Irate; 19 Fund.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. Who was the British commander at the Battle of Jutland?
2. In which year did King Juan Carlos become head of state in Spain?
3. What is the more familiar name of William H. Bonney?
4. Which island was once called Van Diemen's Land?
5. What nationality was former U.N. Secretary-General U Thant?
6. Which cartoonist created the strip 'Peanuts'?
7. In which English city was actress Pat Phoenix born?
8. Who did William Shakespeare marry?
9. In which country was thriller writer Ngaio Marsh born?
10. Who was born first, Laurel or Hardy?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 John Milton; 2 Edward VII; 3 Richard Burton; 4 He was hanged; 5 1896; 6 The bra (she patented it); 7 Conrad and Bean; 8 15th November 1985; 9 Oklahoma; 10 The moon. Niner: FORMULATE

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

541894 gives a bird,  
317896 gives a game bird,  
52361 gives an animal.

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# New leisure centre getting into shape

IT has already seen 550 ton of steel work put up and now work is pushing ahead on a new multi-million pound leisure centre in Walsall.

The new-look purpose built Oak Park will include an eight lane pool, fitness suite, artificial turf pitch and squash courts. Construction is now under way on the centre which is scheduled to open in a year's time.

The base in Walsall Wood forms part of a £24m project including the rebuild of Bloxwich Leisure Centre.

Initial construction work is now taking place. There has also been 795 cubic metres of concrete poured on site to date as the venue, dubbed an 'active living centre' starts to

take shape. Leisure chief, councillor Anthony Harris, said: "I'm incredibly proud to have been involved in this project from the outset and to see the new centre take shape is very exciting."

"This form of leisure project will make a significant difference to the lives of local residents and will make a top class sporting centre available to the whole community. It is part of Walsall Council's ongoing commitment to get more people, more active more often."

Included in centre will be a 25 metre eight lane swimming pool, learner pool, 100 station fitness suite and six court sports hall.



An artist's impression of Oak Park Leisure Centre, which is starting to take shape in Walsall

# Health awareness call to register

PEOPLE in Walsall are being urged to register for a health awareness event looking at changes being made to health and social care. Organisers the Black Sisters Collective want as many people as possible to attend the information day that will be held at the Bethel Light-house Centre, in Caldmore Road, on August 20.

The event is to bring awareness of the changes taking place and how this may affect vulnerable residents including the elderly, those with mental health or disabilities. It follows the introduction of the new Care Act. The session will run throughout the day from 10.30 am to 3.30pm.

The collective's housing support officer Selina Whinnery said there will also be an opportunity for the Black Asian Minority Ethnic (BME) community members to speak up about any issues getting access to key services. Places are limited and must be booked on 01922 616996.

# Drinker who returned to pub made knife threat

A FURIOUS father thrown out of a pub for being drunk after arriving with his five-year-old son returned half an hour later armed with a knife, a judge heard.

James Genders made a bee-line for the landlord as customers took cover behind the bar of The Crown Inn at Long Acre Street, Walsall, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Mr Neil Ahuja, prosecuting, said: "The knife had a four inch blade and had been collected from his home. He walked towards the landlord waving the knife."

The landlord picked up a stick used to measure a standing distance for darts, which he used to strike the hand holding the knife, cutting it in the process. "He then left the scene and declared: 'I will be back'."

In fact, 43-year-old Genders went to hospital to receive treatment. Both he and the landlord independently called police to report the May 26 incident. The defendant was later arrested at his home.

Mr Ahuja said: "He had gone to the pub with his five year old son. The defendant appeared to be stumbling around the table while playing pool. He seemed to be drunk and the landlord told

by John Scott

him he had had too much to drink. He told Genders to take the five year old home.

"When he refused the landlord told a barman to take the drink of Guinness from the defendant and give him a refund. The door to the pub was held open and he eventually left, only to return with the knife half an hour later." Mr Nigel Ford, defending, said: "He is thoroughly ashamed over what happened."

Unemployed Genders, of Green Lane, Walsall admitted threatening behaviour with a bladed article and was given an eight month jail sentence suspended for 18 months with a six month night time curfew and 150 hours unpaid work. He was also excluded from The Crown Inn for 12 months by Judge John Wait.

# Travellers camps petition launched

A PETITION has been launched by residents in an area of Walsall blighted by travellers camps.

So far 70 names have been collected calling for wildlife and trees to be protected.

Rushall-Sheffield ward councillor Richard Worrall said householders were concerned that trees in open spaces near incursion sites were being lopped.

He said people in the Brook Meadow Road area handed in a petition that has now been lodged at the town hall. The travellers have been moving to different green spaces in the vicinity prompting a string of eviction notices. He said: "It is the same group of travellers that are moving round the area. I have written to all of the 70 households that have signed the petition. I am looking into the issues raised, it may be that we have the tree policies in place."

There are currently 10 caravans parked up on a piece of land off Stubbers Green Road.

# Be seen at shop party

STAFF at an opticians in Brownhills are holding a spectacular party on Saturday to celebrate their new look store.

At the same time, the store will be raising money for those affected by the Tunisian attack.

The team at Specsavers in High Street are hosting their own black tie event to help raise funds for the British Red Cross, who have set up a support line to help those that need emotional support following the terrorist attack.

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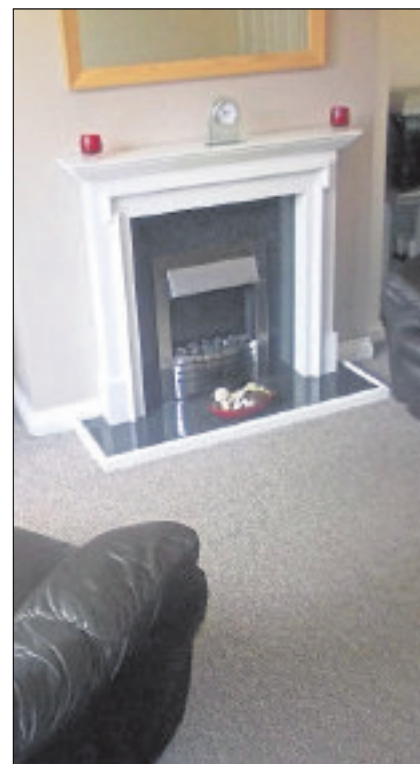


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• Bathroom & separate WC  
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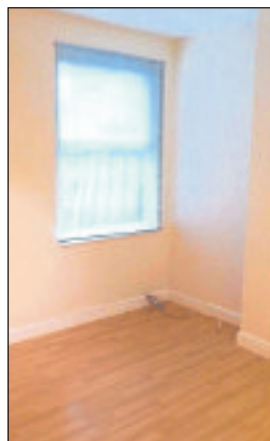
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**Bath Street Dudley** **REDUCED**



- Well Presented End Terrace Residence
  - No Upward Chain
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  - EPC Rating D, Entrance Porch
- OFFERS AROUND: **£126,500**  
Viewing:

**Russell Street Willenhall** **NEW**



- Modern apartment
  - One Bedroom
  - Allocated parking
  - EPC = C, Double Glazing
- OFFERS AROUND: **£69,000**  
Viewing:

**High Road Willenhall**



- 3 Bedroom semi detached house
  - No upward chain
  - Requires modernisation
  - EPC = E, 2 Reception rooms
- OFFERS AROUND: **£105,000**  
Viewing:

**Moseley Road Bilston**



- Traditional 3 bedroom detached house
  - Entrance porch and hallway
  - Dining room
  - Lounge/diner
- OFFERS AROUND: **£179,950**  
Viewing:

**Bridge Road Walsall**



- Modern Style Upper Floor Apartment
  - Two Double Bedrooms
  - Lounge incorporating Dining Area
  - Energy Rating B, Modern Bathroom & Good Size
- OFFERS AROUND: **£89,950**  
Viewing:

**Drayton Street Walsall**



- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
  - No Upward Chain!
  - Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
  - EPC Rating E, Reception Hall
- OFFERS AROUND: **£100,000**  
Viewing:

**Bay Avenue Bilston**



- 4 Bedroom end terraced house
  - Downstairs wc
  - Kitchen
  - EPC-C, Dining area
- OFFERS AROUND: **£155,000**  
Viewing:

**Webb Street Bilston** **NEW**



- Refurbished Semi Detached With further potential to Extended (subject to planning permission)
  - No Upward Chain
  - UPVC Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- OFFERS AROUND: **£109,950**  
Viewing:

**Webb Street Bilston** **NEW**



- Refurbished Semi Detached Residence with No Upward Chain
  - UPVC Double Glazing & Gas Centrl Heating
  - Reception Hall • Guest WC
- OFFERS AROUND: **£102,950**  
Viewing:

**Loxdale Sidings Bilston**



- 1 Bedroom modern flat
  - No upward chain
  - Lounge
  - Bedroom
- OFFERS AROUND: **£57,950**  
Viewing:

**Broadmoor Close Bilston**



- 3 Bedroom detached house
  - Immaculate condition
  - Entrance porch and hallway
  - Lounge/diner
- OFFERS AROUND: **£135,000**  
Viewing:

**Devon Road Willenhall**



- 2 Bedroom detached house
  - No upward chain
  - Lounge
  - EPC- D, Kitchen
- OFFERS AROUND: **£100,000**  
Viewing:

**Moseley Road Willenhall**



- Semi Detached Residence
  - Double Glazed & Part Gas Central Heating
  - Porch & Hallway
  - EPC Rating F, Lounge & Dining Room
- OFFERS AROUND: **£99,995**  
Viewing:

**Chepstow Road Walsall**



- Middle Terrace Residence requiring upgrading
  - Gas Central Heating
  - Porch • Reception Hall
  - EPC Rating D, Lounge
- OFFERS AROUND: **£64,000**  
Viewing:

**Biddlestone Grove Walsall**



- Modern End Terrace with further potential for extensions (subject to planning permission)
  - No Upward Chain
  - Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
  - EPC Rating D, Entrance • Hallway
- OFFERS AROUND: **£119,950**  
Viewing:

**Edinburgh Road Bilston**



- Semi detached property
  - Gas Central Heating
  - No Upward Chain
  - EPC Rating D, Entrance • Hallway
- OFFERS AROUND: **£85,000**  
Viewing:

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**Lichfield Road Walsall**



- Period Semi Detached Residence
  - Spacious Family Accommodation
  - Gas Central Heating & Majority Double Glazing
  - EPC Rating C, Vestibule & Reception Hall
- OFFERS AROUND: **£245,000**  
Viewing:

**Wareham Close Walsall**



- Modern Semi Detached Property
  - Two Bedrooms
  - Lounge & Kitchen
  - Energy Rating C, First Floor Bathroom
- OFFERS AROUND: **£79,950**  
Viewing:

**Woodstock Close Walsall**



- Spacious Mid Terrace Property
  - Three Bedrooms & First Floor Shower Room
  - Lounge incorporating Dining Area
  - EPC Rating: D, Modern Kitchen
- OFFERS AROUND: **£110,000**  
Viewing:

**Albany Crescent Bilston**



- Semi detached property
  - Two Bedrooms
  - Lounge & Kitchen
  - EPC - E, Conservatory
- OFFERS AROUND: **£84,995**  
Viewing:



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**£450,000**

Sutton Road, Park Hall  
 • Detached Dormer Bungalow  
 • Sought After Location  
 • Close to popular Primary and Secondary Schools  
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 • Four Bedrooms

**£429,000**

Nutmeg Grove, Walsall  
 • Impressive Detached Residence  
 • Double Detached Garage  
 • Sought After Development Close To Walsall Town Centre  
 • Close Proximity To Popular Schools  
 • Superb Kitchen/Diner

**£374,995**

Nutmeg Grove, Walsall  
 • Extended Five Bedroom Detached  
 • Lounge  
 • Open Plan Kitchen/Diner  
 • Utility/Guest W.C.  
 • Master Bedroom with En-Suite  
 • Three Further First Floor Bedrooms

**£329,995**

Westminster Road, Rushall  
 • No Upward Chain  
 • Executive Detached Residence  
 • Breakfast Kitchen  
 • Conservatory  
 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Study

**£300,000**

Shire Lea, Brownhills  
 • Four Bed Detached Dormer Bungalow  
 • Guest Cloakroom  
 • Spacious Lounge  
 • Refitted Breakfast Kitchen  
 • Family Bathroom  
 • Spacious Lounge

**£300,000**

West Park Close, Aldridge  
 • No Upward Chain  
 • Impressive Detached Home  
 • Luxurious Fixtures & Fittings  
 • Cedarwood Sauna  
 • Steam Room  
 • Jacuzzi (For Sale Separately)

**£269,950**

Lincoln Road, Walsall  
 • Deceptively Spacious Detached Home  
 • Set in Delightful Grounds on a Corner Plot  
 • Superb Refitted Breakfast Kitchen  
 • Spacious Lounge  
 • Three Double Bedrooms  
 • Master Bedrooms with En-Suite & Walk-in

**£215,000**

Bamford Road, Bloxwich  
 • Impressive Detached Residence  
 • Superb Kitchen/Diner  
 • Utility Room  
 • Guest Cloakroom  
 • Lounge  
 • Luxury Refitted Bathroom

**Offers in Excess of £210,000**

**NEW**

Lincoln Road, Walsall  
 • Much Extended & Improved Property  
 • Two Storey Rear Extension  
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 • Block Paved Driveway  
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 • Near to Walsall Arboretum

**£210,000**

Chester Road, Brownhills  
 • Three Bedroom Detached  
 • Spacious Lounge  
 • Open plan Kitchen  
 • Dining room  
 • Bathroom  
 • Guest WC

**£200,000**

Norton Road, Pelsall  
 • Superbly Appointed Link Detached Bungalow  
 • Three Bedrooms  
 • Kitchen/Diner  
 • Bathroom  
 • Lounge

**£199,950**

**REDUCED**

Vernon Way, Bloxwich  
 • Two/Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow  
 • One/Two Reception Rooms  
 • Fully Fitted Kitchen  
 • Ground Floor Bathroom  
 • Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room

**Offers in Excess of £195,000**

Lichfield Road, Shelfield  
 • Superbly Renovated Bungalow  
 • No Upward Chain  
 • Attractive Rear Garden  
 • Block Paved Driveway  
 • Excellent Transport Links  
 • Refitted Kitchen/Conservatory

**£169,950**

Ravenscroft Road, Willenhall  
 • Extended Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
 • Lounge  
 • Fitted Kitchen  
 • Additional Sitting Room/Bedroom  
 • Ground Floor Wet Room  
 • Three Bedrooms

**Offers in Excess of £135,000**

The Pines, Walsall  
 • Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
 • Lounge/Dining Room  
 • Kitchen  
 • Family Bathroom  
 • Conservatory  
 • Garage/Games Room

**£130,000**

Harrison Street, Bloxwich  
 • Traditional Detached Property  
 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Off Road Parking  
 • Extended Kitchen  
 • Three Bedrooms  
 • Bathroom

**£129,950**

Tannery Court, Walsall  
 • Exclusive New Build Development  
 • 10 Year NHBC Guarantee  
 • Located Close to Walsall Town Centre  
 • End Town House  
 • Ground Floor Cloakroom  
 • Fitted Gloss Kitchen/Diner

**£129,500**

Oakridge Close, Willenhall  
 • Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
 • Lounge  
 • Kitchen/Diner  
 • Family Bathroom  
 • Entrance Porch  
 • Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

**Offers in Excess of £126,000**

Norton Road, Pelsall  
 • First Time Buyer?  
 • Looking to Downsize?  
 • Ideal Village Location  
 • Local Schools and Amenities Close-By  
 • Three Bedrooms  
 • Two Reception Rooms

**Offers in Excess of £125,000**

Red Lion Avenue, Norton Canes  
 • Three Bedroom Semi Detached  
 • Gas Central Heating  
 • Double Glazing (where specified)  
 • Lounge  
 • Kitchen/Diner  
 • Bathroom

**£119,995**

Lime Grove, Rushall  
 • No Upward Chain  
 • Three Bedrooms  
 • Refitted Breakfast Kitchen  
 • Spacious Lounge  
 • Front & Rear Gardens  
 • Close to Rushall Primary & Aldridge Sec.

**Offers in Excess of £115,000**

Deepmore Avenue, Walsall  
 • Within 1 Mile of Walsall Town Centre  
 • Close to Reedswood Academy  
 • Three Bedrooms  
 • Conservatory  
 • Off Road Parking  
 • Family Friendly Rear Garden

**£115,000**

Irvine Road, Bloxwich  
 • Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
 • Corner Plot with Large Rear Garden  
 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Fitted Kitchen  
 • Luxury Bathroom  
 • No Upward Chain

**£115,000**

Lichfield Road, Willenhall  
 • Modern Coach House  
 • Two Bedrooms  
 • Third Bedroom/Playroom  
 • Fitted Kitchen  
 • Luxury Bathroom  
 • Allocated Parking

**Offers in Excess of £110,000**

Buxton Close, Bloxwich  
 • No Upward Chain  
 • Sought After Lower Farm Estate  
 • Extended Kitchen/Breakfast Room  
 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Delightful Front & Rear Gardens  
 • Three Bedrooms

**£110,000**

Littleton Road, Willenhall  
 • Ideal First Purchase or Family Home  
 • Located Close to New Invention School  
 • Overlooking Playing Fields  
 • Off Road Parking  
 • Garage  
 • Front & Rear Gardens

**£110,000**

Chantry Avenue, Bloxwich  
 • Spacious Semi-Detached  
 • Corner Plot  
 • Large Side Garage  
 • Ideal First Purchase or Family Home  
 • Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom  
 • Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing

**Offers in Excess of £110,000**

Terret Close, Walsall  
 • Modern Two Bedroom Apartment  
 • Located Close to Walsall Town Centre  
 • Secure Gated Car Park  
 • Allocated Parking Space  
 • Secure Communal Entrance  
 • Lounge with Juliet Balconies

**£95,000**

Hilton Close, Bloxwich  
 • Three Bedroom Town House  
 • Entrance Hallway  
 • Guest WC  
 • Lounge  
 • Dining Room  
 • Fitted Kitchen

**£90,000**

Bloxwich Road, Bloxwich  
 • Refurbished Victorian Terrace  
 • Two Double Bedrooms  
 • Refitted Kitchen  
 • Through Lounge  
 • Ground Floor WC  
 • Refitted First Floor Bathroom

**£90,000**

West Street, Leamore  
 • No Upward Chain  
 • Well Presented End-Of-Terrace  
 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Breakfast Kitchen  
 • Modern Bathroom  
 • Three Bedrooms

**Offers in Excess of £90,000**

**NEW**

West Street, Leamore  
 • No Upward Chain  
 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Refitted Oak Kitchen  
 • Bathroom  
 • Two Double Bedrooms  
 • Gas Central heating  
 • Double Glazing  
 • Viewing Essential

**£85,000**

West Street, Leamore  
 • No Upward Chain  
 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Refitted Oak Kitchen  
 • Bathroom  
 • Two Double Bedrooms  
 • Gas Central heating  
 • Double Glazing  
 • Viewing Essential

**£85,000**

Glastonbury Crescent, Bloxwich  
 • No Upward Chain  
 • Front & Rear Gardens  
 • Lounge  
 • Dining Room  
 • Refitted Kitchen  
 • Three Bedrooms

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 • Utility Room  
 • Garage/Study  
 • Two En-Suite Bathrooms

£265,000



Coalheath Lane, Shelfield  
 • Extended Link Detached Dormer Bungalow  
 • Four Bedrooms  
 • Lounge  
 • Conservatory  
 • Superb Extended Kitchen/Diner  
 • Large Driveway

£260,000



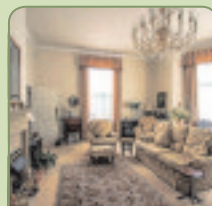
Lambourne Way, Norton Canes  
 • Impressive Executive Detached  
 • Four Bedrooms  
 • Master Having En-Suite  
 • Three Reception Rooms  
 • Fitted Breakfast Kitchen  
 • Front & Rear Gardens

£250,000



Quinton Place, Norton Canes  
 • Executive Detached Family Home  
 • Refitted Breakfast Kitchen  
 • Three Reception Rooms  
 • Four Bedrooms  
 • Master with En-Suite Shower Room  
 • Front & Rear Gardens

£249,950



Shrubbery Close, Walsall  
 • Are you downsizing?  
 • Ideally situated for local amenities  
 • Low Maintenance Living  
 • Secure Gated Development  
 • Superb Character and High Ceilings  
 • No Upward Chain

£245,000



Field Road, Bloxwich  
 • Imposing Detached Property  
 • Extended Kitchen/Diner  
 • Garage  
 • Off Road Parking  
 • Superb Rear Garden  
 • Two Reception Rooms

Offers in Excess of £240,000



Tasker Street, Walsall  
 • Imposing Three Storey New Build  
 • Four Bedroom  
 • Two En-Suite  
 • Kitchen/Diner  
 • Lounge  
 • Front & Rear Gardens

£229,950



Mayfields Drive, Brownhills  
 • Extended Modern Family Home  
 • Sought After Cul-De-Sac Location  
 • Superb Refitted Breakfast Kitchen  
 • Lounge  
 • Dining Area  
 • Refitted Family Bathroom

£159,950



Catches Drive, Bloxwich  
 • Three Storey Town House  
 • Garage  
 • Off Road Parking  
 • Three Bedrooms  
 • Two En-Suites  
 • Kitchen/Diner

£159,950



Wrekin View, Shire Oak  
 • No Upward Chain  
 • Extended Traditional Semi-Detached  
 • Through Lounge  
 • Refitted Breakfast Kitchen  
 • Attractive Front & Rear Gardens  
 • Garage  
 • Sought After Location  
 • Close to Shire Oak Academy



£155,000



John Riley Drive, Willenhall  
 • Three Bedroom Detached  
 • Extended Entrance Hall  
 • Lounge  
 • Fitted Kitchen with Integrated Appliance  
 • Family Bathroom  
 • Integral Garage

£139,995



Beechtree Road, Walsall Wood  
 • Entrance Hall  
 • Guest Cloakroom  
 • Lounge  
 • Impressive Kitchen/Diner  
 • Dining Room  
 • Kitchen  
 • Three Bedrooms

£139,950



Newhome Way, Bloxwich  
 • Three Storey Town House  
 • Three Bedrooms  
 • Garage  
 • Off Road Parking  
 • Kitchen/Diner  
 • Spacious Lounge with Juliet Balcony

£135,000



Daw End Lane, Rushall  
 • Victorian Style Mid Terrace  
 • Rushall Primary and Shelfield Secondary  
 • Schools Nearby  
 • Easy Access to Walsall Town Centre  
 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Kitchen

£125,000



Ida Road, Walsall  
 • Investment Opportunity  
 • Planning Permission to be Converted into Flats  
 • Semi-Detached  
 • Close to Walsall Town Centre  
 • Close to Walsall Manor Hospital

£120,000



Pelsall Lane, Rushall  
 • Ideal First Purchase  
 • Superb Kitchen/Diner  
 • Sought After Pelsall Village  
 • Family Friendly Rear Garden  
 • Off Road Parking  
 • Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom  
 • Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing

Offers in Excess of £120,000



Cross Street, Pelsall  
 • Three Bedroom Town House  
 • Sought After Pelsall Village  
 • Delightful Front and Rear Gardens  
 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Fitted Kitchen  
 • Parking Area

£120,000



Warren Place, Brownhills  
 • Large Corner Plot  
 • End of Terrace  
 • Popular Cul-de-Sac location  
 • Lounge with dual aspect windows  
 • Kitchen  
 • Utility Room

£120,000



Coronation Road, Walsall Wood  
 • Immaculately Presented Throughout  
 • Ideal for First Time Buyers  
 • Impressive Kitchen/Diner  
 • Delightful Rear Garden  
 • Close to St John's C of E School  
 • Viewing Essential

£120,000



Wilkin Road, Brownhills  
 • Much Improved End of Terrace  
 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Breakfast Kitchen  
 • Refitted Luxury Bathroom  
 • Two Double Bedrooms and Further Loft Room

£118,000



Penderel Street, Bloxwich  
 • Ideal First Purchase  
 • No Upward Chain  
 • Lounge  
 • Fitted Kitchen  
 • Sun Room  
 • Three Bedrooms

£110,000



Moore Road, Willenhall  
 • Two Bedroom Semi-Detached  
 • Entrance hall  
 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Fitted Kitchen  
 • Utility  
 • Family Bathroom

Offers in Excess of £100,000



Mulberry Road, Bloxwich  
 • Two Bedroom Modern Town House  
 • No Upward Chain  
 • Fitted Modern Kitchen  
 • Family Bathroom  
 • Rear Garden  
 • Off Road Parking

£100,000



Basalt Close, Birchills  
 • Modern Town House  
 • Cul-De-Sac Location  
 • Two Double Bedrooms  
 • Fitted Kitchen  
 • Lounge/Diner  
 • Off Road Parking

£100,000



Lapwing Close, Watermead Grange  
 • No Upward Chain  
 • Sought After Watermead Grange Development  
 • Two Double Bedrooms  
 • En-Suite  
 • Fitted Kitchen with appliances

Offers in Excess of £100,000



Rough Brook Road, Rushall  
 • Show Home Style Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment  
 • Lounge/Dining Room  
 • Fitted Kitchen including Integrated Appliances  
 • Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower

£100,000



Hawbush Road, Bloxwich  
 • Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace  
 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Kitchen  
 • Side Entrance  
 • Utility/Guest W.C.  
 • Family Bathroom

£97,000



NEW  
 • No Upward Chain  
 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Fitted Kitchen  
 • Ground Floor Bathroom  
 • Two Double Bedrooms  
 • Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating  
 • Rear Garden  
 • Viewing Essential

West Street, Leamore  
 • No Upward Chain  
 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Fitted Kitchen  
 • Ground Floor Bathroom  
 • Two Double Bedrooms  
 • Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating  
 • Rear Garden  
 • Viewing Essential

Offers in Excess of £80,000



Deermead Court, Birchills  
 • Two Bedroom Apartment  
 • Secured Entrance  
 • Gas Central Heating  
 • Double Glazing  
 • Open Plan Lounge & Kitchen  
 • Master Bedroom with En-Suite

£78,500



Howdles Lane, Brownhills  
 • No Upward Chain  
 • Three Bedrooms  
 • Open Plan Living Space  
 • Refitted Kitchen  
 • Ample Car Parking Available  
 • Ideal Investment  
 • Balcony  
 • Viewing Essential

£78,000



School Lofts, Walsall  
 • TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT  
 • Lounge/Dining Room  
 • Kitchen with Integrated Appliances  
 • Shower Room  
 • Secure Allocated Parking

£75,000



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 • Four Double Bedrooms  
 • Fitted Kitchen/Diner  
 • Charming Lounge with Open Fireplace  
 • Ground Floor Shower Room  
 • First Floor Bathroom

In the Region Of £275,000



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

Leigh Road, Walsall  
 • Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Newly Fitted Breakfast Kitchen  
 • Three Double Bedrooms  
 • Family Bathroom with Walk-In Shower

Offers in Excess of £230,000



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

Lincoln Road, Walsall  
 • Extended Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Fitted Kitchen with Appliances  
 • Guest W.C.  
 • Utility  
 • Conservatory

In the Region Of £220,000



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

Westfield Drive, Walsall  
 • Three bedroom Townhouse  
 • Gas Central Heating  
 • Double Glazing  
 • Lounge  
 • Kitchen/Diner  
 • Family Bathroom

In the Region Of £209,995



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

Oaklands Way, Walsall  
 • Extended & Much Improved Home  
 • Superb Views Over Bowling Green & Tennis Courts  
 • A Short Walk to Pelsall Village  
 • Off Road Parking  
 • Garage

In the Region Of £190,000



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

Wood Common Grange, Walsall  
 • Three Bedroom Modern Detached  
 • Lounge/Diner  
 • Fitted Kitchen  
 • Converted Garage into Playroom/Study  
 • En Suite to Master Bedroom  
 • Family Bathroom

In the Region Of £169,995



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

Ogley Road, Walsall  
 • Superb Detached Family Residence  
 • No Upward Chain  
 • Three Double Bedrooms  
 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Converted Garage to Office/Playroom  
 • Refitted Breakfast Kitchen

In the Region Of £165,000



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

Norton Road, Walsall  
 • First Time Buyer?  
 • Looking to Downsize?  
 • Ideal Village Location  
 • Local Schools and Amenities Close-By  
 • Three Bedrooms  
 • Two Reception Rooms

Offers in Excess of £125,000



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

Leighs Road, Walsall  
 • Three bedroom Semi-Detached  
 • Kitchen/Diner  
 • Lounge  
 • Conservatory  
 • Bathroom  
 • Off Road Parking

In the Region Of £125,000



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

Brownhills Road, Cannock  
 • Beautifully Presented Semi-Detached  
 • Ideal First Purchase  
 • Two Double Bedrooms  
 • Lounge/Diner  
 • Superb Fitted Kitchen  
 • Luxurious Shower Room

£125,000



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

London Road, Walsall  
 • Three bedroom Semi Detached house  
 • Porch  
 • Lounge  
 • Kitchen  
 • Shower Room  
 • Gas central heating

Offers in Excess of £120,000



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

Yorkshire Grove, Walsall  
 • Show Home Condition  
 • Modern Semi Detached  
 • Sought After Jubilee Gardens Development  
 • Guest WC  
 • Open Plan Kitchen/Living Room

Offers in Excess of £115,000



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

Daw End Lane, Walsall  
 • No Upward Chain  
 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Refitted Kitchen  
 • Porch  
 • Rear Garage & Parking  
 • Front & Rear Gardens

In the Region Of £115,000



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

Yew Tree Road, Walsall  
 • Refurbished Semi-Detached  
 • Ideal First Time Purchase or Buy-To-Let  
 • Three Bedrooms  
 • Refitted Kitchen/Diner  
 • Refitted First Floor Bathroom  
 • Lounge

£115,000



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

Hussey Road, Walsall  
 • Ideal First-Time Purchase  
 • Front & Rear Gardens  
 • Sought After Location  
 • Spacious Lounge  
 • Refitted Kitchen/Diner  
 • Lean-To Extension  
 • Two Double Bedrooms

In the Region Of £114,950



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

Wallace Road, Walsall  
 • No Upward Chain  
 • Sought After Location  
 • Close Proximity to the High Street  
 • 0.7 Miles from Watling Street Primary School  
 • Delightful Front & Rear Gardens

In the Region Of £110,000



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

Lichfield Road, Willenhall  
 • Two Bed End of Terrace  
 • Lounge/Diner  
 • Fitted Kitchen  
 • Family Bathroom With Shower  
 • Enclosed Rear Garden  
 • Off Road Parking

Offers in Excess of £110,000



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

Poplar Avenue, Walsall  
 • NO UPWARD CHAIN  
 • IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME BUYERS  
 • CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION  
 • LARGE REAR GARDEN  
 • OFF ROAD PARKING  
 • LOUNGE

In the Region Of £110,000



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

Sutton Road, Walsall  
 • Immaculately Presented First Floor Flat  
 • Front & Rear Gardens Close to Walsall Town Centre  
 • Garage  
 • Off Road Parking  
 • Secure Communal Entrance

Offers in Excess of £109,950



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

Second Avenue, Walsall  
 • Ideal First Time Purchase  
 • Three Double Bedrooms  
 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Refitted Kitchen  
 • Refitted Bathroom  
 • Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing

In the Region Of £104,950



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

Tewkesbury Road, Walsall  
 • Well Presented Town House  
 • Three Bedrooms  
 • Lounge  
 • Refitted Kitchen/Diner  
 • Refitted Bathroom  
 • Ground Floor WC

In the Region Of £99,950



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

High Street, Walsall  
 • Two Bed Terrace  
 • Open Plan Lounge Diner  
 • Kitchen  
 • Utility/storage Room  
 • Family Bathroom  
 • Gas Central Heating

In the Region Of £94,995



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

Glastonbury Crescent, Walsall  
 • No Upward Chain  
 • Front & Rear Gardens  
 • Lounge  
 • Dining Room  
 • Refitted Kitchen  
 • Three Bedrooms

Offers in Excess of £85,000



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

Queen Mary Street, Walsall  
 • Victorian Terrace  
 • Two Double Bedrooms  
 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Bathroom  
 • Attractive Rear Garden  
 • No Upward Chain

In the Region Of £79,950



**SOLD**  
 Subject to Contract

Chantry Avenue, Walsall  
 • Three bedroom Semi-Detached  
 • Ideal First-Time Purchase or Buy-To-Let  
 • Off Road Parking  
 • Lounge  
 • Kitchen/Diner  
 • First Floor Bathroom

In the Region Of £75,000



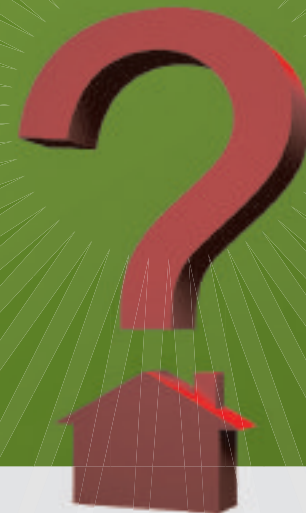
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Springhill Close, Walsall  
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Energy Rating - D

NEW



**Kedleston Close, Turnberry, Bloxwich**

- Detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, dining room, conservatory
- 4 bedrooms
- bathroom/WC
- Integral garage, gardens
- MUST VIEW

**£244,950**

Energy Rating - D

NEW



**Station Street, Cheslyn Hay**

- Semi detached corner house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, dining kitchen
- Sitting room (or bedroom 4)
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Driveway and gardens
- MUST VIEW

**£185,000**

Energy Rating - C

NEW



**Mackay Road, Bloxwich**

- Extended end town house
- Gas centrally heated
- Double glazed
- Dining room, kitchen, lounge
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Summer House
- Rear Garden with Heated Swimming Pool
- ACCESS TO CANAL AT REAR

**£129,950**

Energy Rating - D

NEW



**Clarendon Road, High Heath, Pelsall**

- Semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms
- Bathroom, WC
- Off road parking, gardens
- MUST VIEW

**£127,950**

Energy Rating - D

NEW



**Abbots Street, Bloxwich**

- Semi-detached house
- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 reception rooms
- Kitchen, downstairs WC
- Shower room, gas central heating
- Driveway
- large rear gardens
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

**£119,950**

Energy Rating - D

NEW



**Odell Road, Bloxwich**

- Mid terrace house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom and WC
- Low maintenance gardens
- SORRY NO DSS, PETS OR SMOKERS
- £180 reference fee applies

**£565**

Energy Rating - F



**May Street, Leamore, Walsall**

- Mid terrace house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- 2 reception rooms, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms
- Bathroom/WC
- Long rear garden
- MUST VIEW

**£84,950**

Energy Rating - D



**Cedar Park Road, Essington Wolverhampton**

- Mid town house
- PVCu double glazed
- Kitchen, lounge, dining room
- 2 bedrooms
- bathroom/WC
- Garage in battery block
- Low maintenance garden
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

**£95,000**

Energy Rating - C



**Park Road, Bloxwich**

- Ground Floor Apartment
- 2 Bedrooms
- Master with En-suite
- Open plan Lounge/Kitchen Diner
- PVCu Double glazing
- Electric Heating
- Allocated Secure Parking
- No Onward Chain

**£104,950**

Energy Rating - D



**Glaisdale Grove, Kingfishers, Willenhall**

- Semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, kitchen
- 2 bedrooms
- bathroom/WC
- Parking and gardens
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL

**£125,000**

Energy Rating - E



**Stafford Road, Bloxwich**

- Victorian terrace block
- Gas centrally heated
- 2 reception rooms, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- bathroom/WC
- Parking and gardens
- Close to town centre
- MUST VIEW

**£144,950**

Energy Rating - D



**Sneyd Lane, Essington, Wolverhampton**

- Extended well presented Semi-Detached
- No onward chain
- Gas Centrally Heated, PVCu Double glazed
- Enclosed Storm Porch
- Entrance Hallway, Through Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory
- Shower Room, Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom and Rear Garden

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**Rosewood Gardens, Essington Wolverhampton**

- Semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- double glazed (where specified)
- Lounge, kitchen, family room
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Garage, drive, gardens
- Viewing Essential

**£154,950**

Energy Rating - D



**Drake Road, Bloxwich**

- Semi detached house
- Gas central heating
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, kitchen, dining room
- 4 bedrooms
- Bathroom W/C
- Ample Parking, gardens
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL

**£168,500**

Energy Rating - E



**Broad Lane, Essington Wolverhampton**

- Semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Through lounge/dining room
- Kitchen and utility area
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Ample parking and gardens
- Viewing Highly Recommended

**£174,950**

Energy Rating - E



**Wilkes Avenue, Bentley, Walsall**

- Traditional Detached Bungalow
- Large Corner Plot, Gas Central Heating
- Three Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Shower Room, Garage
- large Driveway, Front
- Side a Rear Gardens

**£199,950**

Energy Rating - D



**Nightingale Crescent, Coppice Farm, Willenhall**

- Modern Detached House
- Gas centrally heated
- Double glazed (where specified)
- 2 reception rooms, kitchen
- 4 bedrooms
- bathroom/WC
- Driveway parking
- gardens

**£249,950**

Energy Rating - E

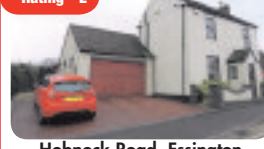


**Vernon Close, Essington Wolverhampton**

- Detached Family Home
- Gas Centrally Heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, kitchen
- Conservatory
- 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom/WC
- Driveway, garage, gardens
- Viewing Essential

**£269,950**

Energy Rating - E



**Hobnock Road, Essington Wolverhampton**

- Character Detached Cottage
- Enclosed Storm Porch
- Lounge, Sitting Area, Dining Area
- Kitchen, Downstairs Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms, Shower Room
- Garage and a Large Rear Garden
- Potential to Extend (Subject to planning permission)
- Viewing Essential

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Lower Comball, Tipton,



- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Solar Panels and Garage
- En suite to Family Bathroom
- Family Bathroom and WC

Offers in Excess of £209,950\*

Lambourn Road, Willenhall,



- Extended Modern Three Bedroom Detached
- Conservatory & Landscaped Gardens
- Solar Panelled Roofing
- EPC Rating: D

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Grace Road, Tipton,



- Modern Three Bed Semi Detached
- Fitted Kitchen / Diner
- Rear Garden
- Double Glazed and Central Heated

Offers in Excess of £109,950\*

Hagley Road West, Oldbury,



- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Large Reception Room
- Good Size Bedrooms
- Front and Rear Gardens

Monthly Rental Of £575 • Fees apply•\*

Antrobus Road, BIRMINGHAM,



- Four Bedroom Victorian Property
- Extended Modern Kitchen
- Landscaped Rear Garden
- EPC RATING E

Guide Price £129,950\*

Watney Grove, Birmingham,



- Two Bedroom Semi Detached
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Solar Panel
- Exceptional Decor

Offers in the Region Of £149,950\*

Cadgwith Gardens,



- Four Bedroom Detached Family Home
- Situated In a quiet Cul De Sac Location
- Dining/Breakfast Room/ Open Plan Space
- View Highly Recommended

Guide Price £189,950\*

Rowley View, West Bromwich,



- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace On A Cul De Sac
- Well Kept Front and Rear Gardens
- Thoroughly Decorated Throughout
- EPC TBC

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Warstone Lane, Jewellery Quarter,



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- Double Bedroom
- Fitted Kitchen and Bathroom

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Hawfield Road, Oldbury, Tividale



- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Open Plan Kitchen/ Dinner
- Spacious Livingroom
- EPC RATING (D)

£119,950\*

Dudley Road West, Tipton,



- Unique Traditional Detached Property
- Conservatory/ Sun Room
- Off-Road Parking and Garage
- EPC Rating F

Offers in Excess of £179,950\*

Macdonald Close, Tividale



- Modern Two Bed
- Central Heating & Double Glazed
- Ample Off Road Parking
- EPC Rating D

Offers in Excess of £107,950\*

Kellner Gardens, Oldbury,



- Fantastic First Floor 2 Bedroom Apartment
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- Car Park to the Rear and Communal Gardens
- Double Bedrooms

£525 • Fees Apply•\*

Redditch Road, Studley,



- Fabulous Grade II Listed Cottage
- Two Double Bedrooms & Upstairs Bathroom
- Southerly Aspect Garden
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Whitlock Grove, Kings Heath



- Delightful Four Bedroom, Three Storey House
- Off Road Parking and Rear Enclosed Garden
- Family Bathroom and En suite Shower Room
- EPC Rating: C

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Hurst Lane, Tipton,



- Modern Three Bedroom Much Loved Home
- Detached Garage / Rear Gardens
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- EPC TBC

Guide Price £124,950\*

Westfield Road, Smethwick,



- Fully Refurbished Home Three Bedroom
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- This Will Make A Lovely Home
- Attic Space (Third Bedroom)

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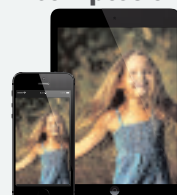
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LOT

### Ely Place Walsall

Viewings: 8th, 13th and 18th July 12:30pm



A purpose built leasehold first floor maisonette, situated in a quiet cul de sac, close to all amenities. Ideally suited to an investor and offering good yields the gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation is in need of some upgrade and comprises: Fully enclosed Porch, Kitchen, Lounge, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom.

●Guide Price £30,000 PLUS

LOT 10

### Station Street Walsall

Appointment through Auctioneers



This commercial property with double glazing holds a lot of potential and is located a short walk from both Walsall town centre and Walsall train station. With three floors of office space the property is an ideal opportunity for redevelopment and could be converted to residential (subject to planning approval). The property comprises:- Ground Floor Front door to hall providing access to stairs to first floor and office 1 (Front), office 2, office 3 with fitted kitchen as well as access to WC First Floor Landing leads to office 4 (Front), office 5 (Rear) leading to small cupboard and stairs to second floor. Second Floor Landing leads to office 6 (Front), office 7, office 8 with access to small cupboard

●Guide Price £90,000 PLUS

LOT 18C

### Arundel Street Walsall

9th, 14th, 20th July 10:30am



This mid terraced residence situated in a popular residential area offers great scope for further improvement and would be ideal for a first time buyer or investor. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor: Front Living Room with window to front, leading to under stair cupboard, Rear Living Room, Kitchen with window to side and door leading to garden, Bathroom. First Floor: Bedroom One with window to front, Bedroom Two with window to rear and small cupboard situated above the stairs. Outside: Side passage leading to a very well maintained floral garden

●Guide Price £50,000 PLUS

LOT 18C

### Bevin Road Walsall

8th, 13th, 18th July at 1pm



Non traditionally constructed semi detached property situated in a popular residential area in need of full modernisation and improvement. Ground Floor Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Rear Lobby, Shower Room. First Floor Bedroom One, Bedroom Two, Bedroom Three, Bathroom and Separate W.C. Outside: Overgrown Fore and Rear Gardens.

●Guide Price £45,000 - £50,000

LOT 18C

### Chuckery Road Walsall

9th, 14th and 20th July 10am,



This large detached property situated in a popular residential area is in need of modernisation and offers great scope for improvement. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor Porch leads to Entrance hall with access to stairs, Living/Dining Room with bay window to front, Kitchen with windows offering views of the garden and rear door for access to the garden and another door with access to the front of the property, W.C. First Floor: Stairs lead to Landing with access to bathroom with separate W.C. Bedroom One with Bay window to front Bedroom Two with window to front, Bedroom Three with window to rear offering views of the rear garden.

●Guide Price £127,500 PLUS

LOT 18C

### Dunedin Road Great Barr

9th July, 14th July, 20th July, 1:30pm



A Three Bedroom Semi detached Dorma Bugalow situated in a popular residential area in Great Barr. This well maintained bungalow also offers access to a superbly presented garden. Will all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor: Side door leads to hall with access to stairs, Hall leads to Bedroom One with window to front, Dining Room with window to front, Lounge with include patio doors which open to rear garden Bathroom, Kitchen which includes a range of units and also includes a back door with access to rear garden. First Floor: Stairs lead to Bedroom Two with window to front and Bedroom Three.

●Guide Price £90,000 PLUS

LOT 18C

### Green Rock Lane Walsall

8th, 13th, 18th, July 10.45am



A traditional mid terraced property conveniently located but in need of complete modernisation and improvement (limited viewing available at viewers risk). With front driveway the property comprises: Ground Floor: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Rear Lobby, Wet Room, Side Entry. First Floor: Bedroom One, Bedroom Two, Bedroom Three, Additional Bedroom/ Potential Bathroom, Separate W.C. Outside: Driveway with Fore Garden, Rear Gardens.

●Guide Price £35,000 - £40,000

LOT 18C

### Goscote Lane Walsall

8th, 13th, 18th, 24th July at 10.15am



Traditional mid terraced in need of complete modernisation and improvement conveniently located comprising: Ground Floor: Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Side Entry. First Floor: Bedroom One, Bedroom Two, Bedroom Three, Bathroom. Outside Fore and Rear Gardens.

●Guide Price £30,000 - £35,000

LOT 18C

### Goscote Lane Walsall

8th, 13th, 18th, 24th July at 9.50am



Traditional end terraced property conveniently located ideal for the investor ( purchasers are advised to view the mining search). Ground Floor: Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen. First Floor: Bedroom One, Bedroom Two, Bathroom with coloured suite. Outside Attractive Fore and Enclosed Rear Garden.

●Guide Price £30,000 - £35,000

LOT 18C

### Hawbush Road Walsall

8th, 13th, 18th, 24th July and at 11.30am



This fire damaged traditional three bedroom mid terraced is in need of complete modernisation and improvement. Ground Floor: Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Side Entry. First Floor: Bedroom One, Bedroom Two, Bedroom Three, Bathroom. Outside: Fore and Rear Gardens.

●Guide Price £30,000 - £35,000

LOT 18C

### Wood Green Road Wednesbury

9th July, 14th July, 20th July, 25th July at 11:30am



This Large Detached property is set on a corner plot on the popular Wood Green Road, the property is in need of modernisation and improvement and is ideally suited for an investor who can capitalise on the great scope this property offers. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor: Front porch leads to entrance hall with access to stairs, Living Room with window to front, Lounge with bay window to front, Kitchen with window to rear and door to side passage, Side passage leads to W.C. Storage room and Garage which is accessible from Roth Street. First Floor: Landing leads to Bedroom One with window to front and rear, Bedroom Two with window to front and fitted wardrobe, Bedroom Three with window to rear and fitted wardrobe and Bathroom.

●Guide Price £125,000 PLUS

LOT 18C

### Warner Road Walsall

8th, 13th, 18th, 24th July at 9.30am



Traditional end terraced property in need of complete modernisation and improvement offering opportunity for builder or investor. Ground Floor: Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Door to Lobby and Store, Bathroom. First Floor: Bedroom One, Bedroom Two, Bedroom Three. Outside: Fore and Rear Gardens.

●Guide Price £44,000 - £50,000

LOT 18C

### Segundo Road Walsall

9th, 14th, 20th, 25th July at 11am



Ideally suited to the needs to a first time buyer, more mature purchaser or investor this well maintained, two bedroom semi detached property lends itself to further expansions (subject to the necessary planning) and is situated in a convenient and popular location with the added benefit of Tamebridge Railway Station within walking distance. With uPVC double glazed and gas fired central heating the property in brief comprises: Enclosed Porch, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore Garden with Ample off Road Parking, Rear Garden with Utility and Garage. EPC Rating D

●Guide Price £90,000 PLUS

LOT 18C

### Norbury Avenue Walsall

10th, 18th, 23rd July 10am,



This Three bedroom Semi Detached property is situated in a popular residential area and is in need of modernisation and improvement. This property with double glazing and Central heating offers great potential for an investor. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Bathroom, Covered Passage, Bedroom One, Bedroom Two, Bedroom Three.

●Guide Price £58,000 PLUS

LOT 18C

### Hillcrest Road Wylde Green

9th, 14th, 20th, 25th July and 4th August at 12.45pm



This substantial 1960's detached property is situated in a prime residential location and offers tremendous scope for further improvement. The well proportioned accommodation comprises the following: Ground Floor: Front door leads to Reception Hall with stairs to first floor off and access to W.C. 'L' Shaped Lounge Dining Room with windows to front and patio doors to rear, Kitchen with sink unit, drainer and base units. First Floor: Staircase to Landing providing access to: Bedroom One with windows to front and rear, Bedroom Two, Bedroom Three, Bathroom with coloured suite. Outside: Garage with long driveway with ample off street parking and neat enclosed private rear garden

●Guide Price £200,000 PLUS

LOT 18C

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# New MINI Clubman a better ride than ever

By James Parker

Another new chapter has opened in the re-generation of the MINI model family, with the debut of the new MINI Clubman.

Following the success of the re-engineered MINI 3-door Hatch and the successful launch of the MINI 5-door Hatch, the new model offers customers a premium vehicle featuring the highest level of ride refinement ever seen in a MINI.

The car's much-loved signature design feature – its split rear doors – are retained, while accessibility and everyday usability are further enhanced thanks to four full-sized side doors.

The resulting car is a powerful fusion of sleek lines, innovative touches and first-rate materials with generous space for five occupants, excellent luggage capacity and classic MINI driving characteristics.

With a more mature and sophisticated design, the new MINI Clubman's dimensions are larger than those of the previous generation MINI Clubman. It's also 270 mm longer and 73 mm wider than the MINI 5-door Hatch, with a wheelbase which is 100 mm larger. The boot has a volume of 360 litres, which can be extended to 1,250 litres by folding the rear seats flat.

The latest generation of MINI TwinPower Turbo Technology engines have been installed under the bonnet, with three units available from launch – the MINI Cooper Clubman, MINI Cooper D Clubman and MINI Cooper S Clubman. CO2 emissions are as low as 109g/km, with fuel economy of up to 68.9mpg.

New to the MINI brand is an 8-speed Steptronic transmission, available as an option on the MINI Cooper S Clubman and the MINI Cooper D Clubman. Exceptional handling comes courtesy of a suspension set-up which is unique to the new MINI Clubman.

## Acclaimed

Numerous features make their MINI brand debut on the new Clubman, included an electric parking brake, full electric seat adjustment and the optional MINI Yours Interior Styles with backlit door bezels.

The new MINI Clubman includes MINI's highly acclaimed Navigation System as standard on all models, exemplifying the high levels of standard equipment across the range. Furthermore, every MINI Clubman also benefits from the MINI Excitement Package as standard, which features a projection of the brand logo on to the ground beneath the driver's side door mirror when the car is opened and closed, as well as extended interior lighting.

With production starting at MINI Plant Oxford later this year, order books for the New MINI Clubman open at MINI dealers nationwide this week.

Pricing for the newest member of the MINI family starts at £19,995 on-the-road for the MINI Cooper Clubman.

The new MINI Clubman showcases a contemporary interpretation of its predecessor's design, combining sporting style with outstanding functionality. The car's silhouette, with its extended roof line and steeply angled rear, remains an obvious link to the Clubman's heritage, both recent and historic.



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# Three VWs to get new ultra-frugal engines

By James Parker

UK order books are now open for a raft of new ultra-frugal petrol models in the Golf hatchback, Estate and SV. Powered by a new three-cylinder 1.0-litre 115 PS turbocharged petrol engine, the new Golf TSI BlueMotion returns 65.7 mpg on the combined cycle with CO2 emissions of just 99 g/km.

Also available for the first time with a BlueMotion engine is the option of a DSG automatic gearbox. These cars combine the economy benefits of a diesel with the upfront price benefits of a petrol, with the Golf Match TSI BlueMotion costing £19,740 recommended price on-the-road.

The first deliveries of these cars are due in September.

At the heart of the TSI BlueMotion is a 1.0-litre (999 cc) three-cylinder turbocharged TSI engine from the EA211 series. This generates 115 PS from 5,000 to 5,500 rpm; standstill to 62 mph takes 9.7 seconds while top speed is 127 mph.

With 200 Nm, the TSI BlueMotion has the highest specific torque of any large-scale production series of petrol engines. This is available from 2,000 rpm, though 150 Nm is already delivered from just 1,500 rpm.

Combined economy for the Golf hatchback is 65.7 mpg with CO2 emissions of 99 g/km for both the six-speed manual and seven-speed DSG versions. Such economy is achieved through substantial engine development as well as a number of aerodynamic measures.

By lowering the chassis by 15 mm, adapting the radiator grille, optimising the cooling airflow and fitting special underfloor panels and a rear spoiler, the Golf TSI BlueMotion's Cd value has been reduced to 0.28 (from 0.29 in the standard Golf).

The car also features super low rolling resistance tyres. While this improvement may sound modest, it should be noted that in developing the seventh generation Golf, engineers made a 10 per cent improvement in aerodynamics.

## Integrated

Inside the engine, an ultra-rigid crankcase made of light-weight die-cast aluminium and its compact construction with three cylinders mean the 1.0-litre TSI is around 15 kg lighter than a comparable four-cylinder engine.

The exhaust manifold has been fully integrated into the cylinder head and fitted with a cooling jacket to make the best possible use of exhaust gas energy during the warm-up phase and to cool the exhaust gases even more effectively at high loads.

The TSI BlueMotion is also fitted with a toothed belt, which compared to a chain drive, reduces friction by around 30 per cent, while the maximum injection pressure of the 1.0-litre TSI is high for a petrol at 250 bar, while advanced five-hole solenoid injectors ensure precise fuel injections and results in faster energy conversion.

Unlike the diesel BlueMotion model which is based on the entry-level S, the Golf TSI BlueMotion comes as standard in Match trim.

As such it benefits from equipment highlights including ESC, XDS and seven airbags, an Automatic Post Collision Braking System, a PreCrash system, cruise control, stop/start with battery regeneration and driver alert (NB ACC and Front Assist are not standard).

The Golf Match TSI BlueMotion has 16-inch 'Dover' alloy wheels.

This new 1.0-litre BlueMotion engine will also be available in the Golf Estate and Golf SV, with predicted fuel economy figures of 65.7 mpg and 99 g/km (103 for DSG) for the Estate, and 62.8 mpg / 105 g/km (61.4/105 for DSG) for the SV.



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# Size isn't everything

By Iain Dooley

**Two extra seats. It doesn't sound like much, but to many buyers it can be the difference between giving a lift to friends, planning a bigger family or even being blessed with more rear load space.**

To recap, the 2 Series Active Tourer comes in a thoroughly conventional five-seat layout. You can slide the rear bench fore and aft slightly to liberate more boot or legroom respectively, and said seats fold reasonably flat to accommodate big loads.

The seven-seat Gran Tourer – yes, the lack of a 'd' is deliberate on BMW's part – adds two compact rear seats meant mostly for children.

When not in use, they fold flat into the boot floor, which becomes more spacious than its smaller stablemate while you retain five seats for maximum flexibility.

And here's the thing. Unless you really – and I mean, really – need the extra seats, the Active Tourer gets my vote.

Not just because I've already spent thousands of miles in it on a long term test, but because it drives better and looks more handsome. In profile, the larger car lacks the flowing lines of the Active Tourer, while the extra length can be noticed when you're driving.

Maybe the smaller car should be re-named 'Agile Tourer'.

The Active Tourer remains the better compromise, although if you need the extra space, there's no reason to experience buyer's remorse.

One important distinction between the BMW Tourer twins and the competition is that few come close to replicating the high quality cabin ambience and thoughtful ergonomics.

Front-wheel drive compact people carriers aren't exactly scarce in the market, but it's rare to find one with the cabin ambience of a premium saloon.

This is where BMW's offerings score highly, as everything else looks and feels a bit, well, average.

## Dynamics

Don't let the prospect of a 'wrong-wheel drive' BMW put you off signing up for the Active Tourer, though.

Chances are you won't be throwing it around like you would an M3 anyway, making any argument about driving dynamics invalid.

However, the Active Tourer does demonstrate a level of agility that's difficult to replicate elsewhere, which should please any keen driving mum or dad.

The welcome lack of pitch and roll will also be noticed by other occupants even if they care not which wheels are driving the car.

My time in the Active Tourer has been spent mostly being spoilt by the various creature comforts and clever practical touches.

The ability to zip along undulating B-roads without the usual discomfort



associated with a high-riding people carrier – pitching, rolling, less than stellar handling – has been a welcome bonus.

True, these dynamic attributes are exactly what you'd expect from anything sporting a BMW badge, but the Active Tourer's focus is more on accommodating passengers in relative comfort and delivering a raft of clever tech to help the journey pass by without fuss or agitation.

And on those counts it does a fine job.

I don't have long with the 2 Series Active Tourer before it goes back to BMW, but I already know what I'm going to miss from the ownership experience.

The driving element is high on the list, but there are a few other things that might surprise you.

I'll let you stew on that ahead of the final, farewell instalment.

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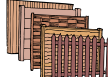
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## Walsall are knocked off top spot by defeat

OLD Hill replaced Walsall at the top of Division One table after crushing the Gorway outfit by nine wickets.

Walsall capitulated from 66-0 to 119 all out following the dismissal of openers Mike Hingley (21) and James Middleton (49) to run outs.

The rest of the Walsall batting line-up was unable to cope with the spin of Nigel Davenport (6-23) and Dimitri Ratnayake (2-32).

Overseas player Amitoze Singh hit an unbeaten 86 and claimed 3-49 on his debut for Smethwick in their draw with Himley. Halesowen lost by 126 runs to Division Two leaders Sutton Coldfield despite 4-46 from Richard Brooker.

A super performance from Tom Boyd, who hit an unbeaten 62 and took 4-24, helped Pelsall to an 11-run success against Worcester.

A seventh-wicket stand of 104 between Rana Hassan (131 not out) and Tom Morris (33) turned the tide for Penkridge against Shifnal.

After looking in trouble at 68-6, Penkridge finished on 232-8 and dismissed Shifnal for 138.

Kuldeep Diwan returned figures of 8-36 for Wombourne in their draw against Old Elizabethans.

The battle between the two clubs went the way of Brewood as they bowled out Stourbridge for 95, with Robbie Byrne taking 6-15.

C&R Hawks beat Stratford-upon-Avon to move joint-top of Division Three with the Warwickshire outfit.

Tight bowling by Nadeem Akram (3-24) restricted Stratford to 168-7 before Hawks rushed to victory inside 30 overs. Fordhouses pipped bottom club Water Orton by just two runs.

## Sneekes adds Wilko to his Pics squad

RUSHALL Olympic manager Richard Sneekes has added 23-year-old Daniel Wilkinson to his squad.

The defender joined Scarborough Athletic from Goole AFC in January but is moving to the Midlands to study at Loughborough University.

Another addition at Dales Lane is that of goalkeeper Dean Coleman, who joins from West Midlands rivals Stourbridge.

Coleman, who has been at Amblecote for the last two-and-a-half years, has also had three spells at Halesowen Town.

Sneekes has not just been adjusting his playing staff with the Pics, as he brings in Steve Farmer as new first team coach.

Farmer has previously been assistant manager at Tamworth among a number of other clubs.

Meanwhile, defender Aris Christophoru has re-signed for Rushall for the 2015/16 season. Christophorou had enjoyed a terrific first season at Dales Lane and shunned interest from other clubs to commit to Pics.

## Williams is handed the Golden Boot

RUSHALL OLYMPIC turned out in strength for the Evo-Stik League annual presentation evening in Blackpool to see striker Aaron Williams collect the Premier Division's Golden Boot.

Williams fired in 28 goals helping former Albion hero Richard Sneekes' side to a ninth-place finish.

The 21-year-old's performances were recognised as he received a call-up to the England C team for their friendly against the Republic of Ireland Under-21s in Galway last month.

The youngster is expected to feature in Walsall's pre-season training regime and also appear in several friendlies for Dean Smith's side.

Rushall welcome Walsall for a friendly at Dales Lane on July 22

# Wolves' Evans looks set for loan

LEE EVANS is being lined up for a loan move away from Wolves – as Kenny Jackett expressed his frustration at Razak Boukari's ongoing fitness problems.

Evans has been a regular in Jackett's squad for the past two seasons, making 80 appearances.

But the arrival of Conor Coady from Huddersfield Town means the 20-year-old will be further down the pecking order and he has stayed behind at Compton Park to sort out a move rather than travel to Clairefontaine.

Jackett said rather than stay on the fringes of the squad, Evans' development would be better served with a full season out on loan.

Evans is said to have several options but it is not

yet known if Evans will move to a Championship or League One club. Jackett said: "Lee is back at the training ground with Kevin Thelwell pursuing options."

"Believe it or not and he's played 80 league games. Jackett added: "He can stay and compete for a first team place but we do feel, rather than him being on the fringes particularly with us signing Conor Coady, a season-long loan will be the best thing for his development."

However, the head coach expressed his disappointment at Boukari's continued absence. The Togo international has been injury-free since March and had been working on his fitness, but said he was not

yet ready to sprint flat out.

The £2.5m signing from Rennes has made just four league appearances in a Wolves shirt, following a succession of injuries and a loan move to Sochaux.

Jackett said: "I'm personally slightly disappointed that he's not up to speed through the summer – I think that's quite poor."

"His first day assessment with myself was that he didn't feel he could sprint flat out yet and needed two or three weeks to sprint flat out."

"He's back at home working towards that."

Asked if Boukari was in his first team plans or would be sent on loan, Jackett said: "We'll see, I mean he has to get himself fit first."

# Saddlers back at it for pre-season

**WALSALL players were put through their paces by boss Dean Smith on the first day of pre-season training.**

Amongst the group, who met up at the club's training ground in Essington, was new goalkeeper Neil Etheridge who completed his move from Charlton yesterday once the session had finished.

Fellow new recruit Jason Demetriou wasn't able to attend, the full-back instead flying back to Cyprus to prepare for his move to England. All the players were put through a series of drills and fitness tests with coaches Jon Whitney, Richard O'Kelly and Neil Cutler.

And it was star midfielder Sam Mantom who posted the most impressive scores

Mantom, who missed the vast majority of last season with a knee injury, impressed his team mates and coaches after scoring 22 on the push-challenge before going into complete 91 straight press-ups.

The 23-year-old came out on top in all challenges except a 12-minute run, which was won by skipper Adam Chambers with Tom Bradshaw a close second.

### Individual

Smith said the whole group had come back in better shape than last year.

"They are all in really good shape, better than last pre-season which is really pleasing," he said. "We have had them in a couple of days over the summer and they have had individual programmes to follow as well."

"We give them a lot of trust as well but it's great to see that trust has been paid back because it's clear they have looked after themselves. "I think it's also helped that most of these players were with us last season, they know the high standards we set for them."

While the club's pre-season schedule is already planned, Smith revealed the sessions yesterday and today will be largely fitness-based, with a short spell with the ball likely to take place on Friday. "We will do a lot of testing on the players this week to see where they are at with their fitness levels," he said.

"Pre-season is all planned but, once we get these results in, we can then tailor individual programmes a little but more. Over the course of this week will we do work to find out where they are all at."

"The coaches will sit down over the weekend to see if we need to tweak one or two things." Even with a settled group, Smith admitted there are always a few nerves on the first day back.



Walsall Fc back in training in Essington Levi Rowley is seen with his team mates

# Pulis pushes his players to the limit

ALBION boss Tony Pulis has hailed his players' 'first class' attitude after he pushed them to the limit on their Austrian 'boot camp'.

The Baggies' players have been woken at 5.30am for pre-breakfast runs and have been subjected to three intense training sessions each day since arriving in the Alps on Thursday.

Captain Darren Fletcher admitted last week that the regime was even tougher than he had expected, but Pulis says his squad have responded well.

"The players have been fantastic and have really bought into what we are trying to do even though it is extremely tough," he said.

"It is pretty hot and humid out here in Austria and we are above sea level so there are different things to cope with, not just the getting up early and three difficult sessions a day."

"The players have bought into that though and their attitude has been absolutely first class. They understand that this is an important time to get a base of fitness."

"There is no better way to get fit than playing games and that's where you get your match fitness from, but you need a base level of fitness to get into it."

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"If you look at the game now the professional players are far more aware of their own bodies and their own shape."

"They are very conscious that it is a competitive sport as well and they realise that they are very fortunate to be elite athletes."

"I think that they have found out through other people that I do work them pretty hard in pre-season."

### Building

"This week is all about building blocks. The journey started here in Austria."

"The most important thing is to be prepared for the first game of the season against Manchester City which is going to be a really tough game. This first week is part of the building blocks that you put in place."

Winger Callum McManaman has played a full part in the gruelling week after his first five months as a Baggies player were blighted by injury.

And the former Wigan man believes he will ben-

efit from the tough work. It's good here and I am enjoying it but it is very hard."

"Having to do three sessions a day is very hard and getting up at 5.30am is obviously something that we aren't really used to, so it is tough," he said.

"Getting up that early almost makes it feel as though you earn your food, so you get up at 5.30am and work really hard and then go back and have your breakfast and then go back to bed to rest."

"It's easy to see why we are training with such intensity because that is how Tony wants us to play. I think it is harder than what I was expecting it to be, you have to be ready to put yourself through the pain. "This pre-season is massive for me and the training we are doing is almost exactly what I needed after being injured."

"The injury last year set me back quite a lot and I was getting used to coming off the bench because I wasn't fit enough to start games."

"But now getting a pre-season under my belt working as hard as we are I will certainly be feeling a lot better."

"I have already shown the coaching staff that I have come back in good shape, I'm probably fitter than they expected me to be."

## Baggies will refuse to pay £10m for Phillips

ALBION have warned QPR they will not meet their £10m asking price for transfer target Matt Phillips.

The Baggies are considering alternative targets after Rangers refused to budge on their valuation of the 24-year-old.

And Tony Pulis is ready to move on unless the London club lower their sights.

Albion had an initial offer of £5m rejected at the weekend for the former Blackpool man but remained optimistic a compromise could be found with QPR, who need to offload players following relegation. But so far Loftus Road officials have dug in their heels and Pulis is ready to look elsewhere after ruling that the £10m valuation is too high.

He has already signed Wigan winger James McClean and wants another wide option before the season kicks off at home to Manchester City on August 10.

Albion had hoped to have Phillips on board before the squad flew to America on Sunday for their second pre-season tour.

And they still believe common ground can be found with Rangers over the transfer fee, with Phillips keen to make the move.

But the current impasse in negotiations is dragging on further into the transfer window.

Albion are currently in Austria preparing for tomorrow's opening pre-season friendly against Red Bull Salzburg.

And 19-year-old centre-back Shaun Donnellan has spoken of his delight after flying out to join the first team on the day he signed his first professional contract.

## Wolves pull out of deal for Chris Wood

WOLVES have pulled out of the race to sign Chris Wood. It is believed Leicester City want £3m for the former Albion man – a figure Wolves are not prepared to match.

Championship rivals Leeds are thought to have stumped up the cash and Wood will sign for the Yorkshire club imminently.

It was initially thought Leicester would have accepted around the £1m mark for the New Zealand international, but sources have revealed that their desired figure is three times that amount.

The 23-year-old has just 12 months left on his deal at the King Power Stadium and cost the Foxes around £2m plus add-ons when he moved from Albion in 2013.

Wolves had hoped the East Midlands club would accept a far lower fee. They have long held an interest in the player – boss Kenny Jackett had him on loan at Millwall in 2012.

Wood scored 11 goals in 18 starts for the Lions and also netted prolifically for Birmingham during another loan spell a year earlier.

## Saddlers are to host Villa U-21s games

WALSALL'S Banks's Stadium will host five Villa under-21 games next season, it has been confirmed.

The young Villans will play Stoke on August 10, Brighton on September 14, Albion on September 28, Newcastle on January 11 and Swansea on February 22 at the home of the Saddlers.

All games take place on a Monday night.

"This agreement further cements our excellent working relationship with Aston Villa FC," said Walsall club secretary Daniel Mole.

"We are delighted to be playing host to their under-21 team for five fixtures in the Barclays Under-21 Premier League during the season ahead. It means that we will get to see some of the best emerging young talent in the country."





## Injury woes in the past, says Mantom

STAR midfielder Sam Mantom insists his injury woes are behind him as he prepares to play a leading role in Walsall's promotion push.

Having missed the vast majority of last season with a knee injury, Mantom returned to pre-season training last week after putting himself through a relentless summer fitness programme.

The 23-year-old impressed his teammates after coming out on top in a series of challenges set by fitness coach Jon Whitney.

And now the creative schemer can't wait for the season to begin as he looks to reclaim the player of the year award he won following the 2013/14 campaign.

"All summer I have been focused on my own fitness, my own body and getting it right," he said.

"I wanted to make sure I came back in the best shape possible and so far, so good."

"I've been working with Dean Harris (strength and conditioning coach) closely. We have been working on lots of specific things and I've enjoyed every minute of it."

"Every day we have gone in, had a plan and got the work done."

"The team has only been back a few days but I've seen the benefit already. I feel great, I feel I have set myself up nicely for the season and now I can't wait for it all to get started."

Having worked himself back into full fitness, Mantom is now targeting individual and team honours for the 2015/16 season.

"I won player of the season two years ago and it was really disappointing not to be able to defend that," he said. "That's why I have worked so hard, I want to be in the best possible shape."

## Villa's Benteke is due to sign deal with Liverpool

CHRISTIAN BENTEKE will sign for Liverpool this week after the Reds agreed to meet his £32.5 million release clause, according to reports.

Reds boss Brendan Rodgers had appeared to be waiting for Villa to drop their asking price in the past couple of weeks but reports suggest he has now decided to make his move.

The Belgium international would be Liverpool's seventh signing in a summer spending spree and is believed to have his heart set on a move to Anfield.

Benteke, 24, has scored 49 goals in 101 appearances since arriving at Villa Park from Genk for £7m almost three years ago.

Meanwhile Villa are one of three Premier League clubs tracking Belgian star Dennis Praet about a possible summer move from Anderlecht.

Everton and Southampton are also keen on the highly-rated 21-year-old, although no bids have been tabled as yet. Villa boss Tim Sherwood was due to complete the £9m signing of Senegalese midfielder Idrissa Gueye in the next few days. Villa have agreed personal terms with the Lille ace.

## Smith still hunting for more players

WALSALL boss Dean Smith has promised more signings as he continues to shape his squad in preparation for next season.

The Saddlers supreme boosted his ranks last week by snapping up Philippines international keeper Neil Etheridge and Cypriot right-back Jason Demetriou.

Smith has always insisted this summer would be more evolution than revolution as he looks to tinker with his squad in preparation for a promotion push.

But with defender James Chambers stalling on a new deal as he debates hanging up his boots, the

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boss now expects to make three more signings.

"I always felt four or five but it's looking likely it will be five," he said.

"That could be James signing a new deal or it could be that I bring in another centre-back."

"I don't really want to put a number on it because, even when I get players in, I'm continuing to assess the squad. We always want to continually evolve and get better."

"I think the two players we have added so far will improve us and hopefully the other ones that

come in with improve us even further." Smith has high hopes for new goalkeeper Etheridge, who he first became aware of as he came through the youth ranks at Fulham.

Etheridge, who has played 44 times for the Philippines, worked closely with Mark Schwarzer while at Craven Cottage.

And Smith believes he has signed a hugely promising shot-stopper.

"We looked at a lot of goalkeepers and we got it down to three really good candidates," he said.

"They all ticked the boxes but Neil came out on top in terms of potential development and just how good he could turn out to be."

## Etheridge is predicted to be a big hit

GOALKEEPING coach Neil Cutler has backed new glovesman Neil Etheridge to be a big hit at Walsall next season.

The 25-year-old signed a two-year deal with the club last week following his release by Charlton.

A former Fulham trainee, Etheridge was snapped up by the Saddlers to compete for the number one jersey with Craig MacGillivray.

And Cutler, who helped transform the career of former number one Richard O'Donnell, believes the new recruit has huge potential.

"I have been watching him for a while and have kept close tabs on his career," the former Stoke keeper said.

"He is a big lad, athletic and fits the bill in terms of his age and his desire to get better."

"He has got that will to push on which was really important for us. He could have gone to club's higher up the football pyramid and probably sat on the bench but he has come here because he wants to play games."

"That is testament to himself, that he wants to get better. As soon as I knew he was available, he was a player I was interested in."

A Philippines international, Etheridge has played 44 times for his national side but has only made 20 first team appearances at club level following brief spells at Bristol Rovers, Charlton and Oldham.

But Cutler isn't too worried about his lack of first team experience and has vowed to have him in top shape in time for the new season.

"The time has come for him to start playing regularly," he said.

"He's a full international, he's played in big games in front of big crowds so he does have good experience."

## Rushall sign Fitz from Glassboys

RUSHALL Olympic boss Richard Sneekes has continued his summer spree by bringing midfielder Jordan Fitzpatrick back to Dales Lane.

Fitzpatrick, aged 27, moves back to Rushall after three seasons at league rivals Stourbridge where he was a regular for the Glassboys.

First Division South club Tividale have began their rebuild under Ross Thorpe and Phil Male by securing goalkeeper Tom Turner.

Turner was on-loan at Causeway United from the Beeches last season.

The 22-year-old is the first signing under the joint-management of Thorpe and Male.

# COOL HANDS LUKE TUNES UP

MIDLANDS light welterweight champion Luke Paddock tuned up for his autumn title defence with a useful four-round win at Walsall Town Hall, writes Craig Birch.

Paddock, from Bloxwich, topped Saturday's fight night and shut out former English title challenger Liam Richards convincingly on points.

It was the main event of a seven-fight bill, all four-round affairs, with 'Cool Hand' brought in for a keep-busy bout after the card was originally announced.

The 23-year-old is growing in stature with each contest and sets a fast pace from the off, even against a naturally smaller man who has campaigned as low as super bantam.

Richards kept himself moving, though, so Paddock had to walk him down and jab his way inside, absorbing a right hand on the turn in the first.

### Command

The area title-holder took command of the centre of the ring from the second, going up the gears as he hit the front foot.

Richards was in trouble when he found himself trapped in the corner with Paddock putting his punches together, but he escaped and saw the distance.

There was little doubt that victory was his and by landslide at the final bell, referee Kevin Parker agreeing as he scored the bout 40-36.

Fellow Bloxwich fighter Daniel Breeze acted as chief support at welterweight and gave Robert Studzinski some nervous moments, although the durable toughman got through the distance.

The Welsh-based Pole has failed to complete his allotted rounds just four times in 24 bouts, but was knocked around by Breeze in this one.

'The Hurricane' went hell for leather early on and loaded up right hands that rattled Studzinski to the body and head.

It looked as if the European visitor was going to fold when one attack left him shipping punch after punch, but he managed to regroup.

Breeze, just 19, operated more tentatively after



The eventual winner Luke Paddock, in the black shorts, in action at Walsall Town Hall

Studzinski took his best shots, not wasting his work as he pressed forward with a high guard.

His opponent had to suck it up again when the teenager used both hands to pick hooks in succession but, again, there was no removing his adversary.

Breeze settled for a sixth straight points victory since turning pro last year against a man 19 years his senior, 40-36 with referee Shaun Messer. It was arguably his best paid performance to date.

Essington's Ben Wilkes had to battle against the rock-hard Dan Blackwell, who roughed him up at the start, but came away with the decision.

Blackwell dwarfed him at light middleweight

and really got in his face from the off, taking the first round with serious offence that tested Wilkes.

It was only his second fight back after five years in the corner rather than the ring and there was no time to settle, Blackwell coming out swinging. One landed bang on Wilkes' chin and left him hanging on, with the chance to regroup at the end of the first a welcome relief.

The respite did him good as he boxed to orders from the second, using his feet and spreading his attacks. Even Blackwell conceded it was a good shot, after being tagged with a right hook to the jaw.

